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Fairs to Occur in Maine.

Bridgton Farmers' and Mechanics' Club—Bridgton, Oct. 11, 12.
North Knox Agricultural and Horticultural Society—Union Common, Oct. 11, 12, 13.
North Kennebec Agricultural and Horticultural Society—Waterville, Oct. 11, 12.
Pittston and Chelsea Farmers' Union—Pittston, Oct. 11.
Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural Society—Topsham, Oct. 11, 12, 13.

What do the readers of the *Farmer* know about the Snow Flake potato? Some of the best crops we have heard of were of this variety. There has been no complaints of rot with them.

The large receipts at the Oxford County Fair may be credited to a management which issues no non-revenue admissions, save alone to exhibitors. All who enter the gates pay an admission each and every time, without distinction. This gives satisfaction and brings money. Other societies will take notice.

Our thanks are due to the officers of the Oxford County Society for many courtesies and attentions while at their fair; and especially to their efficient secretary, A. C. T. King, to whom a large measure of the success of the Society is justly due, and through whose strict integrity and gentlemanly courtesy the public confidence has been maintained.

A call at the Winthrop creamery last week, found them just closing up their season's business of cheese making. This part of their work has been very successful under the charge of their experienced maker, Mr. Cook. The May and June cheese had nearly all been sold off, and at good prices. The July cheese was showing but slightly the effects of the extreme heat of that remarkable month, while the August make is one of the finest lots of cheese ever made at that factory. The September was showing equally well, though too green to show quality. The largest quantity of milk worked up, reached 4700 pounds a day, and at the close was down to 2000. The butter factory has been running all the while, making an average of about 200 pounds a day. The butter they are now putting up is strictly first-class, and the finest ever sent out from the factory. Mr. Smith, the manager, has introduced improvements which he is confident are bringing out the best possible results in the fine quality of the butter made.

J. R. Day, D. D., of New York city, owns a fine farm in Monmouth, near Monmouth Center, which he is running for the reason that his love of rural life and its attractions is so strong that he is irresistably attracted to it. Here he spends his summer vacations. Having occasion to study into the merits of Holstein stock, he has become convinced of their great value for the dairy, and has laid the foundation of an intended herd of this breed, by purchasing and bringing to the farm the yearling bull Prince of Highmoor, 3141. He is a fine specimen of the remarkable milking families of this breed. He is the largest yearling of the breed in the country, his year old weight being 1150 pounds. He was purchased when three weeks old, of the well known breeder, John Mitchell, Meadow Brook farm, Vailsgate, Orange county, N. J. This was the home of the celebrated Iroquois, and is now the home of Jamaica, 112 pounds a day record; and of Ephelka, 101 pounds record; also the home of Matron of the Aaggie family, and of Viking, the son of Neptune. Mr. Mitchell claimed this to be the best bull calf he ever bred at Meadow Brook farm. The dam, Susan Nipper, has a record of 83 pounds, 6 ounces. Last year she made a record of 14,000 pounds, making her eligible to the "advance registry," sire, Prince of Schilloard, a prize winner, and I. W. Allen, an importer and breeder, pronounced him the best yearling bull in Holland, when purchased, and the best bull of any kind he ever saw. The sire's dam, on dry feed, had a record of 69 2-5 pounds in one day. This bull will be kept for public service of cows next year, thus affording the opportunity to improve the dairy stock through crossing with so celebrated milking stock.

Lessons from the Fair.

In a State Fair like that which has just been held at Lewiston, there are many valuable lessons, if we but stop to read them—lessons to the managers, lessons to the members of the Society and to the general public, as well as the many valuable lessons to the practical farmers. After the labors incident to the occasion are over, we are remiss in our duties to ourselves, if we do not look back over the work and gather up into form and appropriate the instruction it has held out for our benefit.

1. An important lesson to the managers, is that the receipts of this Fair represent the maximum. Under present arrangements it never need be expected that the gross receipts will exceed the sum realized this year. No unfavorable circumstances of weather, conflicting attractions or anything else came in the way to cut off a single dollar that otherwise might have been expected. However desirable this may be it is a combination that the careful planning and good judgment of the officers may not again be favored with in many years. It will not do, then, to lay out the expenditures of the Society on the basis of the present year's receipts. The average income of a series of years will be several thousand dollars less, and the outlays should be planned on this basis. The lesson is plain that the limit of expansion of the patronage of the Society both by exhibitors and by visitors has been reached, save what will come from the expected gradual growth of our agricultural and industrial interests and an increase of population. It is a fact not to be overlooked, and which carries its lessons with it, that neither exhibits nor patronage have in this favored year shown any increase in either case over what was reached several years ago.

2. Business management is called for. The margin between necessary expenditures and certain receipts is not wide, and leaves no room for the omission of close business calculation in the laying out of its yearly expenditures, or of close attention to detail in the oversight of running expenses. After the experience of these many exhibitions which have been held, and with the records before them, which it is supposed have been kept and which business management cannot omit, their is no reason for leaving the society's treasury to the unreliable mercy of luck. Nor, further, does it answer to gauge expenses on wished for receipts. Enterprise is to be commended, but the lesson is, that there is a limit to its range unless carefully guarded by business management.

3. The public can be trusted to do their part every year. Give them a good exhibition, well managed, and they are sure to come forward with their patronage. The numbers in attendance each year from distant points, are surprisingly large, and this has been repeated so many times that it is sound business management to rely upon it.

4. Exhibitors demand their rights. That the success of the Fair is first of all dependent upon the exhibitors, no one will question. Neither is it any less true that they have rights which the society is bound to respect. Those rights are respectful treatment, a strict adherance to all advertised regulations and competent committees to make the awards. That the securing of competent judges is a difficult and perplexing matter, is the one of the lessons an officer soon learns, yet exhibitors have a right to expect honest and competent judgment in the distribution of the awards. The adoption of the plan of securing "experts" for this service, if properly carried out, reduces the perplexities on either side to the minimum. But "experts" should be experts. The farce of calling in the assistance of a Jersey fancier, naming him an expert, and commissioning him to judge the Herefords, is a kind of boys' play that is too thin for the intelligent breeders we have at the Fair to bear without kicking. On the other hand when an expert like John O. Couch of Middlefield, Conn., whose services were secured to make the awards in the Jersey classes, enters upon the work there is competent judging, and satisfaction is the result on all sides. Not a complaint of injustice was heard from any Jersey exhibitor. The same may be said in the Hereford classes as finally judged, and of the Shorthorns as well. The lesson from this is, that competent judges must be secured to make the awards, and that it is not enough for the management to dub a man an expert; he must be a competent judge in fact.

5. Another lesson forcibly presented was that exhibitors are satisfied with the results when good judging is given them. Very often the remark is heard that "every one thinks his own the best" and that "he believes himself misused if he did not get the premium," and many others like them. This is a great injustice. None can judge a class of stock better than the owners. The fact is these experienced breeders are themselves experts, and they know which animals in justice should wear the honors. Anything different from this is seen at once and complaints and appeals over it are justifiable. They know full well when good judging has been exercised. While, therefore, expert judging in fact gives satisfaction, the inference is safe that where there are loud complaints, there has been bad judging.

6. It is plainly perceptible that the rich prizes are gradually and surely drifting away from the farm and centering in the hands of wealth. It of course is a matter of congratulation that men of wealth are giving attention to these matters, but the danger is, and it is already upon us in a measure, that it thus becomes too exclusive. We want the men of wealth to make their exhibits, but we want the farmer as well. The tendency of the managers has been to arrange the prizes with the view to centralizing large sums in a few hands. Were this continued it would soon drive the rank and file of the farmers from the show ring. There should be prizes arranged expressly to encourage this class of exhibitors. Prizes for blood stock, steers and fat cattle bred by the exhibitor and grown by the exhibitor, would give encouragement in this direction, and without in any way interfering with the other field. It is a far greater credit to breed and feed a good animal than to buy one that others have bred. Both classes should be encouraged.

This tendency to drift away from those who would be most benefitted by awards is met in the English show-yards and is there attracting attention. The London *Live-Stock Journal*, with a view of encouraging a more liberal exhibit of local stock at the shows, advocates the making of additional classes for animals which have never before been exhibited. Whether this would accomplish the purpose or not does not seem entirely clear, but it is certain that the question as to how to secure local exhibits by general farmers is one of the most serious problems with which fair managers have to deal. The crack show herds which are carefull fitted up by skilful feeders for a regular campaign at the fairs certainly serve a good purpose, in showing the public what really good animals are, and familiarizing farmers with the highest forms of development; but general farmers have neither the means nor the inducement to engage in competition with these, and it is a matter of greater importance to so arrange the premium lists as to bring their stock out at the shows. The development which it is possible to secure with profit under ordinary farm management is the point which it should be the object of the show to demonstrate, rather than the excellence which can be established under exceptional conditions. These are matters already calling for attention from the managers.

Apples and Their Prices.

A. C. Lombard's Sons of Boston, representatives of apple commission houses in England and Scotland, give the following opinion of the apple crop in this country and the possible demand abroad: "The belief is expressed that the crop in the United States as a whole will be a good one, and that a large surplus will go for export. The New England States as a whole will have three-quarters of an average crop, or about one-half that of last year, which was considered far above an average crop. Maine will have two-thirds of an average crop, Connecticut an average, Massachusetts over half, and Vermont and New Hampshire two-thirds of an average. The opinion is expressed that Europe wants American apples, but not at high prices. A large quantity can be distributed at $2.40 to $3.00 in England sold, or at $1.50 to $1.75 per barrel free on board steamer at New York, Boston, Montreal or Portland. At above these prices, the chances of success are materially decreased."

The above is given for what it is worth. We are confident the estimate of the crop in Maine is too high and the same may be said of New Hampshire and Vermont. This, however, has little to do with the more important matter of prospective prices. It is as good as settled that there is something of a crop in nearly all of the fruit growing sections of the country. This makes it certain that there is fruit enough for the home trade with a surplus for shipment abroad. The price, then, in large measure, will be gauged by the price that can be paid for the export trade. It will be borne in mind that last year after trade got well under way prices abroad were high, and shippers paid here for choice lots $3.00 per barrel and made a margin at that. There is now no known reason why prices there should rise above those of last year. Now, though we have in this State less fruit than last year, yet if shippers can get no more for it, the opportunity will not be open to sell it for more money per barrel than was paid last year.

The crop in this State is not over one-fourth that of last year. This was plainly shown in our recent crop returns, and is confirmed by personal observation. The Baldwin takes the lead in quantity.

Farmers' Autumn Festivals.

Reported for the Maine Farmer.

Oxford County Fair.

It was our privilege to spend a day at the Forty-fifth Annual Cattle Show of the Oxford Agricultural Society, held at their grounds between Norway and Paris, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week. This is one of the flourishing societies of the State, and has for many years been building itself up from year to year into bigger and better things. With a single exception, for a score of years the receipts each year have been larger than those of the year immediately preceding. This is a record to be proud of. Some four years ago their buildings were all burned up, but full of courage, the Society went to work and erected new ones, and now have the best buildings for the purpose of any County Society in the State,—new, substantial, commodious and well finished. There are two large exhibition halls, affording ample exhibition space, offices for Secretary, Treasurer, ticket-sellers and committees, and a hall in which the annual meetings are held at time of fair. They also have recently enlarged their grounds by purchase, and since their fair of last year, have moved and built over their track, and built a line of nicely finished stables for horses. They now have a good track, and it is in first-class condition, and we are glad to know they have joined the National Trotting Association, and are running their work in a creditable manner. There were no obstacles to a successful show last week. The weather was apparently to order, their people wanted to go to a cattle show, and there is no bickering and strife among them. And they did go. Tuesday is only a preparation day, save a trot in the afternoon. Wednesday brought its crowds. Measured by the tickets sold there were full ten thousand people in attendance. Here there is no aristocracy; every one who passes the gates pays an admission, save the exhibitors and those who hire ground rents. The receipts for that day alone were a little above $2,000, and Wednesday night, beside the railroad tickets, the Society had $2,200 in the bank. Think how it would make old Kennebec smile to take $2,000 a day; and the way to do it is for all to walk up and pay. Thursday, as we left, the grounds were again filling up in the same way. It is a safe estimate to say that the gross receipts will reach full $3,500, and Oxford again stand at the head of the list in the State as a prosperous Society. The contributions were on a like increased scale, so there was something for this throng of people to see. The entries in the stock classes were larger by over 50 than ever before, and in the horse classes were more than doubled. No attempt is made to a description of the contributions in detail, for a single day is not time enough for it, but rather give a bird's-eye view, and specifying only leading features.

Cattle.

The collection of cattle drawn together was a complete surprise. Those other sections of the State which have long worn the honors of standing at the lead in improved cattle and horses will hereafter have to make place for Oxford county. While the numbers of pure-bred cattle may not yet come up to old Kennebec, for instance, yet here are herds of all the breeds now recognized as of special value in our State; and these herds are made up of some of the very best samples of their kind to be found among us. We had thought we were keeping up with a knowledge of the improvements going on around us in this line, but Oxford has got ahead of our knowledge. The advance here made in the last two years is very marked, and is a pleasing surprise. We doubt if any other section of the State can show like progress in the same time. Here are herds of Jerseys, Holsteins, Shorthorns, Herefords and Devons in the hands of the sturdy farmers on these Oxford hills, which are made up of the very best specimens of the breeds, and the most of which have been bred and raised by their owners, thus representing skill and intelligence in breeding, rather than a wealth that enables them to make up their herds by purchase. An important fact in this direction is that the young animals in these herds, representing the latest results, are fully equal, and in numerous cases are superior animals to those which were purchased for a foundation to work from. This means still better cattle in the future, as well as more of them. The number of cattle drawn together was quite as much of a surprise as the variety and quality. In all there were full 350 head, and not a really inferior animal among them. The oxen and steers made up about one-half of this, and the rest was the breeding stock of the farms, together with the young stuff coming from it. Short-horn is the predominating blood among the grades, though the sprinkling of the Hereford cross among the steers is quite numerous and on the increase. The only other county Society in the State that comes near these numbers is old Kennebec, and she will have to wake up her stumps or get badly left. Town teams were shown as follows:

Paris had hitched up in a string 18 pairs oxen, 13 pairs 3-year-old steers and 8 pairs of steers 2 years old; among these were many good cattle. Norway brought out a string of 23 pairs oxen and 8 pairs 2-year-old steers. The oxen in this team were mainly rich beef, and ready for the market at any time. The awards will show what the committee thought about them, but we judged this a good team. Oxford as usual brought out a good team, though not so many pairs. We did not find a steer team from this town. There were many pairs of steers from the towns named that did not go into these teams, as well as single pairs of oxen from other of the surrounding towns. Our time did not allow attention to these in detail. Our attention, however, was attracted to a string of matched steers shown by W. L. Stanton, Oxford, 2 pairs 2-years-old steers, weighing respectively 2,515 and 2,590 pounds; a pair 1-year-old, weighing 1,800 pounds, and a bull calf 9 months old, weight 692 pounds. He also showed a rich pair oxen 4 years old, weight 3,535. Mr. Stanton showed 12 head in all, the remainder being cows and heifers, all white faces and all springing from the Holmes Herefords.

JERSEYS.

S. M. King, So. Paris, had his herd of Jerseys shown at State Fair, with some additions, making 11 in all, 8 pure and 3 grades. The pedigree record of the individual animals was shown with extended diagrams, which puts the breeding into a form easily understood by any one familiar with pedigree. The bull Sheldon's Son, 1 year old, is 62½ per cent. St. Lambert. He is at the head of the herd at the present time. John L. & H. L. Horne, Norway, show a string of young Jerseys that are hard to excel in any show ring, and which show evidence of being skillfully selected. With such blood on both sides there is no trouble about the offspring. The bull Ella's Stoke Pogis, now being used, has 37½ per cent. of the blood of that farmer's bull, Stoke Pogis 3d, and is of the blood elements of Mary Anne of St. Lambert, 93¾ per cent., and has four crosses of Victor Hugo. This is royal blood. The 1-year-old heifer, Van Anna Pogis, is pure St. Lambert. Lemon Louise and Carrie Foster carry the certain marks of great performers.

DEVONS.

S. H. Maxim, Sumner, had his herd of pure Devons, which were described at the State Fair, and were showing to good advantage.

HOLSTEINS.

Holstein bull Romeo, K. Perham, Woodstock, 1 yr. old, from E. J. Skelton, stock Elm Farm, Bradford, Mass. Sired by Garnet, dam Lotta. Has been used for service this season with large patronage, yet weighed at the Fair 1220 pounds. Grand dam, Sadie Vall, made 23-11 oz. butter in 7 days. D. L. Brett, Norway, 3 pure Holsteins, 1 bull, 1 cow, 1 young bull 5 months old, a finely pointed calf. The bull Nubian from Carville's stock, 2 yrs. old, weighs 1830. Mr. Brett also shows grade cows and a string of 7 grade calves that are hard to beat for the general purposes of the farm. This stock was a fine illustration of what this blood will do on our common stock. He also has two thoroughbred Shorthorn heifers from the Gilbert stock, that are fine milkers. This herd is a credit to the owner and a good sample of fair stock. F. J. Sawyer, Otisfield, has some fine, pure Holstein heifers, one 4 yrs. old with calf dropped at the Fair, a superior animal. One 2 years, which had a splendid bull calf by her side and yearling. All these are clean cut, fine animals. Bray Bros., Elm Grove Farm, Oxford, have three animals, one bull 2 yrs., 1150 lbs, on the ground. Cow imported, 6 years, with heifer calf 10 mos. All of them good ones. H. F. Morton, S. Paris, shows his prize bull and fine cows, which won honors at Lewiston and carried them here, though with more competition. R. C. Sumner, So. Paris, has a grade cow of this blood that is another good illustration of the strong milking qualities of this stock, not large but marked for the dairy all through.

HEREFORDS.

L. W. Flint, Waterford, has on exhibtion 8 pure bred and a yoke of oxen. The herd is headed by Granite Boy, from Gilbert Underwood's stock, a fine animal, and 7 cows and heifers, every one of them good stocky animals, strong and thrifty. Mr. Flint has not been making much noise in breeding circles, but is showing a choice herd of this popular blood, and though a young farmer, is building up without great outlay a choice herd of this stock. E. R. Hawes of course is on hand with his full compliment of 15 animals. The bull Assurance 3d is a grand old bull weighing 2104 lbs. The cow Fancy has a choice bull calf by her side. The heifer Aime, 3 years, and Debbie, 2 years, each bred by Mr. Holmes, are as fine as anything we have among us of this breed. The latter named is hard to beat. It is a pleasure to record the fact that the young animals of the herd are the best. The herd never before showed so high merit. These herds, with some other individual animals make up the thoroughbred animals on exhibition.

DURHAMS.

E. E. Richardson, West Paris, showed a good bunch of high grade Durhams, of 5 animals. A yoke of oxen 6 yrs. old measured 7 ft. 8 ins. and weighed 3970 lbs. well matched. A pair 3 yrs. old, 6 ft. 9 ins., weighed 2650. cow 10 yrs., 6 ft. 8 ins. girth, weighing 1406—a good general purpose cow fifteen-sixteenths Durham, a superior milker. This is the kind of cow they show over there taken right from the enclosures of the common farmers.

SHORTHORNS.

Mr. Maxim also showed 5 head of pure Shorthorns. A grade cow, cross Durham and Hereford, was the largest cow on the ground, weighing 1600 lbs. S. H. and H. A. Millett are the champion exhibitors of the Fair, showing in various departments, and in all 97 individual animals, including cattle, sheep and swine.

There were many other grades shown of high merit, among them a large number of high grade Shorthorn cows. Our time was too limited to look them over individually and learn the owners. There were also several pairs of Shorthorn steer calves, nicely matched and well formed. This blood largely predominates among the stock in all that section.

Sheep.

Sheep were shown in considerable numbers. A pen of grades by A. F. Jackson, Norway, were good stocky sheep for the farm. J. H. Millett, Norway, a fine grade buck and another by Bray Bros., Hebron, a Shropshire by S. H. and H. A. Millett, Norway, with 2 pens of grade sheep, one pen of grade Shropshire lambs. N. W. Millett, Norway, showed pen of fine grade smut-faced sheep and pen of lambs with faces equally smutty, and as is usually the case with this class of sheep, are a good lot. Chas. Edwards, Paris, showed a pure Shropshire ram, a fine animal. E. M. Everett, Norway, a Texel buck, large and fine animal; also a flock of grade sheep and another of lambs of same blood. The same party showed a very fine grade Southdown buck, hard to beat. J. W. Everett, same town, showed a pure Leicester buck lamb, which was a good animal. W. N. Thomas, Norway, grade buck, and S. L. Sturtevant, So. Paris, a very even flock of breeding ewes. D. S. Turner, Buckfield, a pure Texel buck of fine proportions. J. L. & H. L. Horne, a Dorset buck and ewe, fair samples of the kind, but long horns were long ago found a useless appendage.

Hogs and pigs were shown in considerable numbers but we had not time to enumerate the exhibits or dilate upon merits of individual animals. Chesters and Yorkshires were the breeds.

The Horses.

The interest in horses is wide spread in Oxford county, and some splendid stock came before the committee at the call on the second day. The new stock farm of Barrett Bros. at West Sumner, was represented by the stallion Arthur L., a two-year-old and a one-year-old stallion, two fillies and a sucking colt. J. P. Young exhibited a three years old stallion, Kylman, by Prescott. Thayer & Crosby had a nice stallion, Maine Prince, by Prescott, dam by Gen. Withers. C. B. Heald has a beautiful two-year-old stallion, Albro, by Albino. Wheeler & True, South Paris, exhibited their stallion, Thomas Carlyle. He was sired by Gen. Withers. They also had two two-year-old stallions, Ned V., by Thomas Carlyle, and Bay Harbinger, by Harbinger. E. M. Everett, Norway, exhibited a nice stallion. C. J. Russell had the three years old stallion, Black Nathan, by Baby Dean. Marble & Pierce had their stallion Metallic, by Eclair, dam Fanny Patchen. They also exhibited Fanny Patchen, the famous breeding mare, with her four months old colt, by Messenger Wilkes. This colt has just been sold for the handsome sum of $500. G. P. Downing has a nice two-year-old filly, after Thomas Carlyle. W. N. Thomas, Oxford, has a nice two-year-old and a sucking colt, after Norway Knox. E. M. Everett, Norway, exhibits a fine yearling colt. F. O. Walker, West Peru, brought out a nice three years old stallion. W. N. Thomas, Oxford, exhibited a brood mare, by Winthrop Morrill. J. B. Robinson, the Oxford manufacturer, had a choice brood mare. He has also a colt by Harbinger. Geo. A. Cole, Norway, brought out his brood mare Alice, by Pedro; she is the dam of Wheeler's Thomas Carlyle. A. L. Holmes exhibits a fine sucking colt, sired by Thomas Carlyle. J. L. Parker exhibits a fine Knox colt. J. L. Horne & Son show a promising sucking colt. As a matched team, A. G. Dudley exhibited a pair of grade Clydesdales; they make a splendid team for work. T. C. Carter, Bethel, exhibited a yearling filly by Black Pilot, dam by Smuggler, second dam by Daniel Lambert. J. D. Robinson, Oxford, has a yearling colt by Daniel M. Boone, by Daniel Boone. W. H. Chadbourne, East Waterford, exhibited a yearling filly by Gideon, dam Purity, second dam by Columbus. H. Elliott, North Waterford, had a four-year-old colt by Pickpocket. Chas. Crosby, South Paris, had a sucking colt by Messenger Wilkes, dam Queen by Gen. Withers. L. S. Swan exhibited a chestnut filly by Prince T. J. H. Lord, Norway, a sorrel colt by Rommany King. Charles Walker, a bay colt by Redmont, dam by Black Hawk.

The summary of the races of Tuesday is as follows:

2.35 CLASS.

Purse, $115—$75, $30, $10.

F E Crooker, Auburn, ch m, Reanie P	1	1	1
C E Thayer, South Paris, b m, Fatinitza	2	2	2
B A Swasey, Canton, r m, Nettie B.	3	3	3

Time—2.37½, 2.39, 2.36½.

GREEN HORSES.

R Dean, Buckfield, blk g, Black Moose	1	1	1
Roscoe Tuell, W Paris, blk m Doll	3	2	2
D A Coffin, Milton Pl, sor g, Fleety	2	3	3
Thos Carr, Oxford, br m, Nellie C.	4	4	4
Barrett Bros, W Sumner, b g, Artemas, Sr.	dis		
J D Williams, So Paris, ch g, Jimmy Miller	dis		

Time—2.57½, 2.55½, 2.58½.

Eclair was driven a mile in 2.38. He is now 15 years old. He made another trial Wednesday, as did Baby Dean and other fast horses.

The following is the summary of Wednesday's races:

2.37 CLASS.

Andrews, Thayer & Horne, b m, Kitty Waite	1	1	1
B A Swasey, r m, Nellie B.	2	2	2
C E Thayer, blk m, Patience	3	3	3
A F Richardson, b m Topsey	4	4	ds

Time—2.44¼, 2.42½, 2.46.

3.00 CLASS.

C B Heald, b g Lucius A	1	1	1
Thos Thayer, ch g Beecher	2	2	2
J A Brooks, br m, Hattie A	ds		

Time—2.49¾, 2.43¼, 2.48¼.

THREE-YEAR-OLD CLASS.

C J Russell, blk s, Black Nathan	1	1
Geo H Jones, b m Alert	2	3
Frank P Cole, blk m Lady Deane	4	
E M Thayer, b g Redmont	3	2

Time—3.01¼, 3.02½.

In the gent's driving class, Thursday, Lucius A. was 1st, Katie P., 2d. The 2.40 class was won by C. S. P. In the 2.50 race, Beecher was 1st, Capt. Wedgewood, 2d; Hattie A., 3d. Baby Dean made an exhibition mile in 2.26.

Awards.

The following are the awards as found on the returns made by the several committees, and are subject to the revision of the society:

Best herd from any one farm—L W Millett, Norway, 14 head, 1st; S H & H A Millett, Norway, 20 head, 2d; E H Stevens, Paris, 15 head, 3d; John H Millett, Norway, 12 head, 4th.

Herd Hereford—E R Holmes, Oxford, 1st; L W Flint, Waterford, 2d; E L Bennett, Norway, 3d. E R Holmes, 1-year-old bull, 1st; same, calf. H F Morton, So Paris, Holstein bull, 1st; D L Brett, Norway, 2d; Bray Brothers, Oxford, 3d. J H Morton, calf, 1st; D L Brett, 2d; F J Sawyer, 3d.

Holstein, 1 year old, Klibon Perham, Woodstock, 1st.

Shorthorn—L H Maxim, Sumner, 1st; N W Millett, 2d.

Devon—L H Maxim, 1st; same, calf, 1st.

Jerseys—N E Wood, So Paris, 1st; J S & H L Horn, Norway, 2d. S M King, 1-year old, 1st; O G Curtis, So Paris, 3d. D L Brett, grade Hereford, 1st. E H Sterns, Paris, 1-year-old, 1st; Lorenzo Shaw, Paris, 2d. W L Stanton, Oxford, calf, 1st. Ezra Churchill, Hebron, grade Durham bull, 1st; A E Chase, So Paris, 2d; Bert Penney, Bethel, 3d. A F Jackson, Norway, 1-year old, 1st.

Town team, oxen—Norway, 1st; Paris, 2d; Oxford, 3d. Ditto steers, 3 years old, Paris, 1st and 2d; 2 years old, Norway, 1st; Paris, 2d.

Working Oxen—5 years old, L W Flint, Waterford, 1st; W C Hobbs, Norway, 2d; John Robinson, Oxford, 3d. 4 years old, G M Maxim, Paris, 1st; W L Stanton, Oxford, 2d; F A & W F Dunham, Buckfield, 3d.

Beef cow—C R Holmes, 1st.

Beef oxen—John Stevens, Paris, 1st; Ellis Whitmore, Buckfield, 2d; Wm Hall, Norway, 3d.

Steers—I F Titcomb, Norway, grade Durhams, 3 years old, 1st; H Whitman, Buckfield, 2d; A J Penley, Peru, 3d. Grade Herefords, 3 years old, G H Briggs, Paris, 1st; F O & W F Dunham, 2d; W O King, 3d. Best 3-year-old, J K Hammond, 1st; J W Everett, 2d. Best 2-year-old, S H & H A Millett, 1st. Grade Hereford, 2 years old, W L Stanton, 1st; W N Thomas, 2d. Grade Durham, 2 years old, A E Morse, 1st; T J Lovering, 2d; John Wyman, 3d. Best 1 year-old, John Wyman, 1st; O G Turner, Buckfield, 2d. Grade Hereford, 1 year old, O A Bird, Paris, 1st; J Andrews, Paris, 2d; John Wyman, 3d. Best calves, O A Bird, 1st; J L & H L Horne, 2d; D A Watson, 3d.

Sheep—S H & H A Millett, flock, 1st; N W Millett, 2d; A F Jackson, Norway, 3d.

Lambs—S H & H A Millett, 1st; N W Millett, 2d; E W Everett, Norway, 3d.

Buck—pure bred, Chas Edwards, Paris, 1st; S H & H A Millett, 2d; E M Everett, 3d. Grade, John H Millett, 1st; E W Everett, 2d; W N Thomas, 3d.

HORSES.

Stallions—Barrett Bros, W Sumner, 1st; Robinson Dean, Buckfield, 2d; Wheeler & True, So Paris, 3d.

Brood mares—C B & L B Heald, Sumner, 1st; Andrews, Thayer & Crosby, Norway, 2d; Barrett Bros, 3d.

Matched horses—A G Dudley, So Paris, 1st.

Colts, stallions—3 year-olds, C J Russell, Buckfield, 1st; Marble & Pierce, Paris, 2d; T O Walker, Peru, 3d. 2-year-olds, Barrett Bros, 1st; C B & L B Heald, 2d; Wheeler & True, 3d. 1-year-olds, J H Morton, So Paris, 1st; Barrett Bros, 2d; Wheeler & Bumpus, So Paris, 3d.

Geldings—3-year-olds, Andrews & Thayer, 1st; Trask Bros, 2d; Ellis Whittmore, 3d.

Fillies—2-year-olds, Barrett Bros, 1st; J S Parker, 2d; Geo P Downing, 3d. 1-year-olds, John Robinson, 1st; Barrett Bros, 2d; Cyrus Davenport, Peru, 3d.

Sucking colts—C B & L B Heald, 1st; Barrett Bros, 2d; Leander S Swan, Paris, 3d. Best standard bred sucking colt, Chas Crosby, Norway, 1st; Geo A Cole, Norway, 2d; Chas Walker, 3d.

Poultry—Light Brahmas, chicks, A E Shurtleff, So Paris, 1st and 2d. Dark Brahma fowls, 1st to same, and same on Partridge Cochins, 2d. G P Tucker, So Paris, Brown Leghorns, fowl, 1st; A E Shurtleff, 2d. G P Tucker, brown Leghorn chicks, 1st and 2d. Pekin Ducks, A E Shurtleff, 1st; B Baron, Jr, Norway, 2d. Geese, A E Shurtleff, 1st. Turkeys, same, 1st; same, 2d.

Swine—G P Young, Norway, sow and pig, 1st; A E Morse, So Paris, 2d; S H & H A Millett, 3d. G P Young, Chester Boar, 1st; W J Wheeler, 2d. S H & H A Millett, Yorkshire, 1st.

VEGETABLES.

J F Fuller, Oxford, onions, 1st. O G Curtis, Paris, squash, 1st. A K Thomas, Oxford, pumpkins, 2d. David Gurney, Norway, beets, tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers and celery, 1st on each. H Dudley, Buckfield, cabbage, 1st. G Upton, Norway, T Squash, 1st. Bragg Bros, H Squash, 1st; carrots and turnips, same. A E Shurtleff, squashes, 1st; C N Tubbs, Norway, 2d. S Gurney, Hebron, melons, 1st; same, musk, 1st; J P Bearce, Hebron, same, 2d. H E Chase, Paris, tomatoes, 1st. J F Titcomb, Norway, turnips, 1st. Mrs J G Crawford, Paris, cucumbers, 1st. C F Stanton, garden vegetables, 1st; S R Ellis, Paris, 2d; H P Ellis, Paris, 3d. J Wyman, Norway, Wurtzel beets, 1st. H E Perkins, Paris, squashes, 1st; S S Maxim, Paris, 2d.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

F C Merrill, So Paris, O K swivel plow, 1st; O K plow, 1st; seed plow, O K, 2d; steel coulter harrow, 2d; Eclipse horse hoe, 1st. John Wyman, Norway, Yankee swivel plow, 1st. F P Merrill, Norway, slide yoke, 1st. Best display of farm implements, F C Merrill, 1st; favorable mention of Holley swivel plow, manufactured in Farmington.

QUILTS, &c.

Mrs S B Prince, silk quilt, 1st; Mrs Harriet Hasner, 2d; Clara E Hasner, 3d. Mrs T J Everett, E Otisfield, quilt, 1st; Mary H Russell, Paris, 2d. Maria E Stone, Snow's Falls, spread, 1st; Addie Edgarly, So Paris, 2d; Hannah Noyes, Greenwood, 3d. Mary H Russell, comforter, 1st.

DAIRY PRODUCTS AND BREAD.

Mary B Gorham, Norway, fall butter, 1st; Mrs Geo Stone, Paris, 2d; Mrs H B Sturtevant, Hebron, 3d; S H & H A Millett, 4th. Mrs N W Millett, domestic cheese, 1st; Mrs J A King, So Paris, 2d; Mattie Tracy, Norway, 3d. Mrs James Demeritt, West Peru, sage, 1st; J A King, 2d.

Mrs G F Hammond, Paris, white bread, 1st; Mrs A C Dyer, So Paris, 2d; Mrs H E Chase, Paris, 3d. Mrs H E Chase, brown bread, 1st; Mrs A C Dyer, 2d; Mrs G F Hammond, 3d; Mabel L Chase, Paris, bunns, 1st; Edith L Haskell, Hebron, 2d; Mrs Henry Upton, Norway, 3d. Mrs John C Crawford, No Paris, collection of house plants, 1st.

FARM CROPS.

Trace corn, 8 rowed, W O King, 1st; Lemuel Gurney, Hebron, 2d. Trace corn, 12 rowed, F P Putnam, E Rumford, 1st; J H Bumpus, So Paris, 2d. Pop corn, Gilbert Upham, Norway, 1st; M Maxim, Paris, 2d. Sweet corn, Gilbert Upton, 1st.

Reported for the Maine Farmer.

Kennebec County Agricultural Fair.

The Fifty-sixth annual exhibition of this leading society was held last week on the grounds at Readfield Corner. Located in the midst of one of the best stock producing sections in the State, this is a genuine cattle show. All day Monday the white-faced Herefords and speckled-faced Durhams, grades and full bloods, kept coming in, until at night the limited stall accommodations were taxed to the utmost, and many were housed with the farmers outside. During the past year the only improvement attempted has been the building of the much needed Secretary's building, which, in this case, was made large enough for a committee room, and also for a room for parcels.

Increased premiums have been offered, both by the society and by individuals, the latter feature being one that in years to come will be found of great service, as exhibits will be secured outside the limits of the regular premium list, and thus many new attractions secured. The liberal offer made to the Grangers within the limits of the society, called out two large exhibits; and this feature will doubtless attract many more hereafter. It can but be of great service to grange work, stimulating a deeper interest and calling in new members. The officers this year are: J. Henry Moore, Winthrop, Pres.; J. R. Nelson, Winthrop, A. G. Underwood, Fayette, Vice Pres.; H. O. Nickerson, Readfield, Sec'y; C. H. Stevens, Readfield, Treas.; J. B. Low, Readfield, Agent; J. Henry Moore, Geo. E. Minot, Belgrade, B. F. Maxim, Wayne, M. T. Jones, Fayette, Willis H. Wing, Manchester, and Horace E. Carson, Mt. Vernon, Trustees.

For want of sheds, and an utter absence of stalls, the stock is shown but one day, Tuesday being set apart for the cattle, and Wednesday for the horses. As soon as the finances will admit, stalls will be built and the necessary sheds erected, so that all stock will be on exhibition three days, as it surely should be. Visitors the last two days can form no idea of the cattle interests, or the superior quality exhibited. They are seen but by a fragment of the crowd, who naturally form their idea of the Fair by what they see the last day. Prominent among the cattle men we found E. A. Bailey, Esq., of Baileyville, with his magnificent Herefords, seen at Lewiston and Bangor. Mr. Bailey is an enthusiastic breeder, and in a few years will build a herd from his own stock second to none. The blue ribbons displayed testified to the character of his stock, a full description of which we have already given in former reports. He showed here forty head; fifteen pairs of oxen and steers, 1 bull, two years old, 7 cows, and 1 year old heifer. It formed a leading and attractive feature, and was admired by all.

The Show of Stock.

B. F. Maxim, Wayne, 1 grade Jersey cow, 3 grade heifers, 1 calf. John Record, East Livermore, 2 pairs of steers. Elijah Wadsworth, Livermore Falls, 1 Durham bull, 2 cows, 3 heifers, 2 pair steers, all Durhams. Amos Parker, Fayette, 1 pair oxen, 2 cows, 1 heifer, 1 pair calves, grade Herefords. S. G. Fogg, Readfield, grade Hereford bull, calf, and heifer, and 1 pair of oxen. C. V. Wells, Mt. Vernon, 1 ox town team, and 1 pair matched. J. N. Fogg, Readfield, 2 grade Ayrshire cows, 1 heifer. Geo. Billings, Fayette, 1 pair steers. C. H. Bamford, Fayette, 2 pairs oxen. M. T. Jones, Fayette, 1 ox town team. R. W. Page, Ea. Livermore, 2 grade Hereford heifers. Mrs. M. L. Robbins, Winthrop, Jerseys, bull calf, 3 cows, 2 heifers, 1 heifer calf, full blood, and 1 grade cow and heifer. C. W. Haskell, Ea. Livermore, exhibited 1 pair of yearlings and 1 of calves, matched. R. W. Packard, Readfield, 1 pair beef oxen. Chas. A. French, Mt. Vernon, 2 pair steer calves. D. S. Newton, Readfield, 2 pairs steers, 2 years old. Daniel Newton, Mt. Vernon, 1 pair of steers, 1 year old, 1 2-year-old grade Hereford heifer. A. F. Williams, Mt. Vernon, 2 pairs oxen, 2 of steers, and 1 of calves. Dolley & Folsom, Readfield, 2 grade Jersey heifers. M. M. Bailey, Winthrop, 1 herd of Herefords, composed of 1 bull, 6 years old, 2 cows, 3 heifers, 3 calves, 2 pair of oxen and 1 fat cow. M. C. Weston, Belgrade, 2 grade Hereford cows, 1 heifer, 1 pair steer calves. A. H. Wilson, Readfield, 1 grade Jersey heifer. S. W. Giles, Readfield, 1 grade Jersey, 1 year old. M. T. Jones, Fayette, 2 pairs steers. Bert Taylor, Belgrade, 2 pairs steers. Gilbert Underwood, Fayette, 1 bull, 1 year old, 2 cows, 2 heifers, 2 heifer calves, 1 bull calf, 1 pair matched steers, 1 year old, 1 pair calves, 2 beef cows, 2 pairs steers and calves, and 3 steers for special; all full blood Herefords and very choice. A. G. Underwood, Fayette, 4 cows, 2 heifers, 1 calf, 2 bulls, one 2 and one 1 year old, 2 bull calves; all Herefords, good ones. G. A. Russell, Readfield, 1 pair of oxen, 1 Jersey bull, 2 Jersey heifers and 1 Ayrshire, also 1 grade Durham. M. F. Norcross, Winthrop, a fine herd of Maine State Jerseys, 10 in number, 6 cows, 1 heifer, and 3 heifer calves. Almon Smith, Mt. Vernon, 1 pair of steers. E. H. Kent, Fayette, 3 pairs oxen. F. D. Harris, Mt. Vernon, 1 pair steers. D. S. Clifford, Mt. Vernon, 2 grade Durham and Jersey heifers. Joshua E. Davis, Readfield, 1 grade Ayrshire cow. Fred M. Webber, Mt. Vernon, 1 grade Durham heifer. Sherman Webber, Mt. Vernon, 1 grade Hereford calf. S. & W. T. Packard, Readfield, 2 grade Hereford heifers. Everett Williams, Readfield, 1 pair steers. Frank Robinson, Mt. Vernon, 1 pair oxen. E. J. Gilman, Mt. Vernon, 2 pairs oxen. G. E. Gray, Winthrop, 1 grade Ayrshire heifer. A. S. Dudley, Belgrade, 1 pair steers. L. K. Stevens, No. Belgrade, 1 grade Hereford cow, 2 heifers, 1 yearling. D. F. Austin, Readfield, 2 pairs steers, 3 heifers, all 2 years old, 1 cow, and 1 bull, all grade Herefords. J. S. W. Hewitt, Fayette, pair of oxen and matched steers, and calf. F. H. Bodge, Fayette, 2 pairs steers. C. K. Page, Ea. Livermore, 2 grade Hereford heifers. Samuel Cunningham, Readfield, 1 pair oxen. G. C. Runlett, Mt. Vernon, 1 pair oxen. Geo. Palmer, No. Wayne, 3 grade Hereford heifers. E. A. Robinson, Mt. Vernon, 2 pair oxen. F. L. Hopkins, Mt. Vernon, 1 pair oxen. G. M. Lane, Readfield, 3 prs. steers. T. J. Townsend, Readfield, 2 pairs steers. T. M. Weston, Readfield, 1 pair oxen. E. W. Wentworth, Winthrop, 1 Jersey bull. John Hubbard, Fayette, 1 pair oxen. B. F. Cook, Readfield, 1 Jersey heifer. Augustus Pease, Fayette, 1 grade Hereford heifer. J. B. Gordon, Wayne, 1 pair oxen. Geo. P. Philbrook, Mt. Vernon, 1 pr. oxen. C. V. Wells, Mt. Vernon, 1 pair oxen.

This full list of the exhibit in the cattle department is made that our readers may see how limited is the territory from which they have been gathered, and to show the wealth of choice stock in this portion of Kennebec county. The Jerseys shown by Mrs. M. L. Robbins and M. F. Norcross, Winthrop, are worthy an extended notice, from their superior butter qualities; so also are the grand herds shown by A. G. & Gilbert Underwood, Fayette, whose Herefords have gained a national reputation. The grade Hereford and Durham stock formed the bulk of the exhibit, and contained many fine animals. The value of a full blood Hereford bull as a sire of choice calves, or steers large, strong limbed, well made and fat, was never more forcibly illustrated then this year. The superiority of the calves and yearlings got by one of the Underwood bulls over those got by grades, could be seen at a glance. S. G. Fogg showed one of these in a six months old bull calf, weighing 700 lbs. D. F. Austin, 8 of these grades, 2 years old. A. F. Williams, 1-year-old steers, girth 5 feet 9 inches. Frank Records, 8 months old steers, 4 feet, 4 inches. F. H. Bodge, Fayette, 2 pairs, one of yearlings, 5 feet, 8 ins. each. All through the pens were to be seen such specimens, telling of the sure results following the use of good sires, as well as of good feeding and attention. The want of the cattle exhibit was in the line of heavy milkers. The beef element predominated, with the Jerseys second. What is wanted now is the introduction of a good Holstein bull from a heavy milking strain, that will supply the call for good milkers, and so complete the practical side of the cattle picture.

The town teams formed a pretty picture with their white and speckled faces, that from Fayette numbering 12 pairs, Mt. Vernon 21, and Readfield 18, the average of each being very good. The entire show of cattle on the grounds was 337 head, against 254 last year. Surely this was a creditable display for a county society. When the number of stalls are increased, so that all the stock may be kept on the grounds throughout the three days, to be seen by thousands, the importance and worth of this industry will be better appreciated. The building of these sheds must be accomplished in the near future. The size of the exhibit and quality of the stock not only merit this, but the rapid increase in horse breeding forces this action to sustain the claim of the society as the representative cattle show of Maine. It will not do to divorce the two. The cattle must remain to hold their position before the public, who come in the last two days. This the trustees appreciate, and they wait only the necessary funds to move in the matter.

Sheep.

A. D. King, Winthrop, coarse wool buck and flock of ewes. Lewis H. Blake, Mt. Vernon, 2 fine wool bucks. Chas. A. French, Mt. Vernon, 1 buck and pen of ewes. C. V. Wells, Mt. Vernon, 2 coarse wool bucks. J. W. Williams, Readfield, coarse wool buck and ewes. W. B. Frost, Wayne, buck, coarse wool. F. D. Harris, Mt. Vernon, 1 lot coarse wool. H. A. Pulsifer, Wayne, 1 lot fine wool. J. Jacobs, 1 coarse wool buck. Geo. Palmer, No. Wayne, 1 buck, and 1 lot coarse wool. E. A. Bailey, Winthrop, 1 lot pure blood Southdowns, the finest seen on these grounds for years. These sheep were all of good size and well selected, and the number, 70, compared very favorably with last year, when only 57 were shown. The worth of sheep husbandry is coming to be better appreciated by our farmers, and it will be well when our flocks are doubled. The hills of Kennebec would afford good pasturage, and the present indications of improved prices should call in hundreds, and so increase the show of sheep.

Poultry.

This exhibit, which two years ago was confined to a few carts and wagons, has, through a systematic classification, assumed proportions never dreamed of by those not actually engaged in breeding. The building set apart for this exhibit proved altogether too small, and much more room will be required next year. Not only was the number surprisingly large, but the quality was equally fine. The breeders in this locality fully appreciate the value of choice stock, and under the stringent rules of the society are making rapid progress. We found here among others, that L. E. Hunton, Readfield, showed 2 lots, White Plymouth Rock chicks, and 1 of Light Brahmas. H. L. Hunton, Readfield, 6 pairs of standard Plymouth Rocks, 6 of whites, 3 of Wyandottes, and 1 of Partridge Cochins, chicks. Walter A. Nickerson, Readfield, 3 pairs white Leghorn chicks. Chas. A. French, Mt. Vernon, 3 coops Wyandottes, fowl and chicks. C. L. Burgess, Fayette, 2 pairs Light Brahmas, fowl and chicks. Mrs. D. W. White, Ea. Winthrop, breeding pen of Wyandottes, white Plymouth Rocks and brown Leghorns, pair of Light Brahmas, 2 of brown Leghorns, Wyandottes, and 3 of white Plymouth Rocks. Ellis A. White, Ea. Winthrop, 2 pairs Pekin ducks, and 2 of Rouen. Mrs. S. G. Fogg, Readfield, 2 pairs Plymouth Rocks, fowl and chicks. J. W. Williams, Readfield, 1 pair Bronze Turkeys. A. G. Underwood, Fayette, 2 pairs light Brahmas, fowl and chicks. A. H. Wilson, Readfield, 1 pair white Plymouth Rocks, chicks. Geo. E. Coleman, Readfield, pair Pekin ducks. D. S. Clifford, Mt. Vernon, 2 pairs brown China Geese. Mrs. A. A. Harris, Mt. Vernon, 1 pair same. E. W. Macomber, Wayne, 4 pairs of white Leghorns. H. L. Butler, Mt. Vernon, 2 pairs Pekin ducks. G. B. Mace, Ea. Winthrop, 1 trio ducks. Ellis A. White, Ea. Winthrop, 1 pair Black ducks.

In some classes competition was closer than at the State Fair, while as a whole the quality was fine, indicating rapid growth in the breeding of choice poultry. It was a feature of the fair that attracted much attention and many visitors. 53 pairs were shown, where last year there were 34.

Swine.

B. F. Maxim, Wayne, 1 White Chester boar, 2 black sows, 1 litter of pigs and 2 fat hogs. W. D. Maxim, Wayne, 1 White Chester sow and litter of pigs. J. W. Williams, Readfield, White Chester sow and pigs. W. B. Frost, Wayne, 1 boar and litter of pigs. H. O. Nickerson, Readfield, 2 full blood White Chester sows, with 18 pigs. E. W. Wentworth, Winthrop, 1 White Chester sow and litter of pigs. H. W. Fuller, Readfield, 1 White Chester sow. Augustus Pease, Fayette, 1 White Chester sow and pigs. J. A. Wing, Fayette, 1 White Chester sow. This exhibit in point of quality was fully up to any in the State this year, while some of those shown have not been excelled anywhere. Especially in this line of the two full blood White Chester sows, shown by H. O. Nickerson, Readfield, 9 months old, and each having a fine litter of pigs, also pure bred; 80 were shown against 72 last year.

Horses.

The exhibit of horses testified to the increasing interest in this feature of stock breeding. The high prices offered for some of our youngsters has led many to commence breeding, and the fine quality of the brood mares and choice breeding of the stallions shown, testified to the good judgment of the farmers. For size and markings, speed and color they are fully up to the average in the State, and a credit to the farmers in Central and Northern Kennebec. The exhibit was made up as follows:

R. C. Leadbetter, Winthrop, brood mare and colt. H. G. Carr, Ea. Winthrop, 3-yr.-old colt. Chas. Sylvester, Augusta, gray Gelding, Silver Knox. Levi Stevens, Winthrop, 1 colt, 1 yr. old. John Wellman, Winthrop, 2-yr.-old. Henry Bates, No. Monmouth, 1 colt, 2 years old. C. E. Howard, Monmouth, 1, 4 years old. Stewart McDavitt, Augusta, 1 3-year-old. H. L. Johnson, Augusta, 1 gent's driver. A. F. Williams, Mt. Vernon, 1 8 years old. B. W. Harriman, Kent's Hill, 1 family horse, and pair matched horses. Dolley & Folsom, Readfield, 1 3-yr.-old, and 1 weanling by Black Pilot, dam an inbred Knox. John P. Wellman, Belgrade, mare and colt. B. F. Maxim, Wayne, 1 colt, 3 yrs. old, 1 2-yrs. old, and 1 1-yr.-old yearling, also 1 bay mare. W. H. Dudley, Mt. Vernon, brood mare and colt. B. F. Allen, Vienna, family horse. J. W. Williams, Readfield, brood mare and colt. Chas. Milliken, Augusta, brood mare and colt, one 4 and one 3 years old. Geo. S. Worcester, Mt. Vernon, two brood mares and colts, and two 3-year-olds. Geo. W. Bacheldor, Vienna, one gent's driver. C. K. Page, Ea. Livermore, one yearling. S. H. J. Berry, Fayette, one family horse. David Dolloff, Mt. Vernon, brood mare and colt. O. Graves, Wayne, one pr. work horses. J. B. Jordan, Wayne, pr. draft horses. Augustus Pease, Fayette, one 2 yrs. old. A. M. Kile, Monmouth Center, one yearling, and stallion 5 years old, Presto by Prescott, a rich bay. W. P. Roberts, Readfield, brood mare and colt. John Hendersom, 3-yr.-old colt. Noah G. Damren, Belgrade, one 3-yr.-old. C. H. Severy, Mt. Vernon, brood mare and colt and 2-yr.-old. J. P. Bradley, Mt. Vernon, draft horse. Greenleaf Smith, Monmouth, gent's driver. F. S. Willard, Readfield, brood mare and colt. Costello Weston, Mt. Vernon, family horse. R. L. Fox, Augusta, bay gelding Mazeppa. C. B. Williams, Mt. Vernon, brood mare and colt. Noah Jewett, Kent's Hill, bay mare Daisy, by Winthrop Morrill, dam a Hambletonian. D. W. Haines, Readfield, 2-yr.-old bay stallion Lyon's Knox by Lyon's Horse, he by Whalebone Knox, by Old General, dam also chesnut filly, 2 years old, Queen Anne, by Lyon's Horse, dam an inbred Knox; two as fine gaited colts as will be shown in any county this year. Chas. Milliken, Augusta, one yearling, by Messenger Diomed. Chas. Davis, Vienna, br. stallion Tom Patchen, Jr., 2.41, by Tom Patchen, dam a thoroughbred; this horse is half brother to Jack Spratt, and very speedy at times, but on account of an accident in his early days has never been able to hold his gait for a full mile. Isaac E. Wadleigh, Belgrade, family horse. B. B. Hall, Mt. Vernon, 3-yr.-old colt. J. P. Bradley, Mt. Vernon, brood mare and colt. Geo. Towns, Winthrop, 4-yr.-old mare, and black stallion Kneeland by Constellation, dam Whalebone. Geo. E. Gray, Winthrop, one 3-yr.-old colt and one mare. G. C. Jacobs, Readfield, 3-yr.-old colt, brood mare and colt. A. C. Rowe, Winthrop, chesnut stallion Onawa, by Winthrop Morrill, dam by Bonney's Eaton. A. Hood, Wayne, one 6-yr.-old stallion, Abdallah Knox, by Holt's Abdallah, dam Lord Nelson. G. V. Davis, Readfield, bay stallion, Red Jacket, by Tom Patchen Jr., dam by Winthrop Morrill; a large well made horse, standing 16 hands and weighing 1200. W. K. Atkinson, one mare. Thomas E. Jackson, Manchester, one 2-yr.-old colt. James H. Dunlap, Belgrade, one pr. matched horses. A. R. Swift, Wayne, brood mare and colt, one 3-year-old cold, gent's driver and family horse. B. R. Graves, gent's driver, G. H. Bishop, one gent's driver. A. D. Chase, Fayette, 2-yr.-old colt. J. H. Grant, Augusta, black stallion Cushnoc, by Victor; one of the most promising stallions in the State. W. F. Hewitt, Ea. Winthrop, 3-yr.-old colt. L. A. Bartlett, Belgrade, 3-yr.-old colt by Kennebec. J. T. Flanders, Winthrop, family and gent's driving horses. E. H. Kent, Fayette, family horse and also gent's driver. A. M. Guild, Augusta, bay mare, Fanny Knox. Albert Daggett, Manchester, bay gelding Premier. C. F. Fairbanks, Winthrop, gray mare, 4 yrs. old. Fred Davis, Augusta, one mare. H. H. Pulsifer, Wayne, one gelding. C. A. Hoyt, one gelding. L. C. Leadbetter, Wayne, one gelding, 4 years old. A. Hood, Wayne, bay gelding. F. H. Gaslin, Augusta, chestnut mare. Geo. Palmer, Wayne, black gelding. A. M. Kyle, Monmouth, bay stallion Presto, 5 years old, by Prescott, dam Hannah Thurston by Primrose; one of the best bred horses on the grounds. J. P. Weston, Belgrade, one gelding. Seven stallions appeared for the Society's premium, a field large and of fine quality. The entire lot, made up of 120 horses and colts was superior in quality, and exceeded last year's by three. The fifteen brood mares and colts made an attractive exhibit to all who visited the pens. The 1600 lb. stallion, brought from Prince Edward Island and shown by Mr. McDavitt, Augusta, also held the attention of the crowd.

Vegetables.

A. F. Williams, Mt. Vernon, two lots sweet corn. Arthur Brainard, Readfield, one of pop corn. A. F. Gile, Fayette, one lot of potatoes and squash. Cyrus Roberts, Readfield, potatoes, yellow, pop and sweet corn, and squashes. C. L. Burgess, Fayette, squash. Mrs. Lucinda Gilman, Readfield, lot of squash. Gilman Hawes, Readfield, lot of pumpkins and lot seed corn. J. W. Williams, Readfield, lot seed corn and pumpkins. W. B. Frost, Wayne, lot seed corn. A. G. Underwood, Fayette, same. W. S. D. Elliott, Readfield, two lots seed corn. M. F. Norcross, Winthrop, lot of garden vegetables, seeds, squashes, pumpkins and sweet corn. Willie E. Gordon, Mt. Vernon, lot pop corn. W. D. Jose, Readfield, garden vegetables, squashes, cabbages, pumpkins. E. W. Macomber, Winthrop, cranberries. L. K. Stevens, No. Belgrade, seed corn, pop corn and beans. E. H. Leavitt, Ea. Winthrop, onions. A. Tuttle Ea. Livermore, potatoes. H. T. Leach, Monmouth, lot squash. G. E. Jose, Belgrade, seed and pop corn. Thomas F. Palmer, fruit and winter apples. J. D. Tuck, Fayette, potatoes and turnips. Geo. E. Coleman, Readfield, squash. J. A. Wing, Fayette, seed corn. D. D. Gordon, Fayette, seed corn. J. Henderson, Readfield, pumpkins. F. L. Gordon, Readfield, squash and sweet corn. O. E. Stevens, Fayette, lot pumpkins and seed corn. M. V. Dudley, Readfield, seed corn, squash. A. F. Stevens, Fayette, seed corn, pop corn. Mrs. C. A. Mace, Ea. Readfield, pickles and canned fruit. Augustus Pease, Fayette, cranberries. C. L. Jones, Fayette, plums, winter fruit, yellow bellflowers and crab apples. A. Thomas, Readfield, pumpkins and squash. Willie T. Mace, Readfield, potatoes. C. L. Burgess, Fayette, two traces corn. V. M. Hall, Mt. Vernon, onions. Fred Buzzell, Winthrop, pop corn. Willie B. Crane, Fayette, honey. Geo. Keith, Fayette, onions. J. M. Pike, Wayne, pumpkins.

Another strong feature of this fair was the exhibit of bread, butter and cheese. If it was large it was also excellent in quality, and the committee making the awards found the task a difficult one. The butter and cheese were tagged only with numbers, and in more than one instance the awards went to a young girl. It was a showing of which the farmers naturally took great pride, and for which they deserve much credit. Thirty-nine lots of butter and 19 of cheese, a total of 58, against 38 in 1886, is a noticeable increase, and an indication of increased attention being given private dairying that was very pleasing to all. The special exhibit made by J. Henry Moore, Esq., the President of the Society, was very attractive, the models being very fine, while the granular lot was very even in size. It was a fine showing from a well known dairy. The entries in each class were as follows:

Butter.

Mrs F Hoyt, Miss Helen M Hoyt, Winthrop; Mrs D W White, East Winthrop; Mrs L F Gile, Readfield; M W Fish, Mr S Newton, Miss Hattie C French, Mt Vernon; Mrs C L Burgess, Fayette; Mrs M T Jones, Fayette; Mrs S G Fogg, Readfield; Mrs J Henry Moore, Miss Annie E Moore, Miss Lottie L Moore, Winthrop; Mrs M L Robbins, Readfield, Miss S Maggie Robbins, Miss Olive L Robbins, Miss Mabel S. Robbins, [illegible]; Mrs M T Norcross, Winthrop; [illegible]; Mrs J O Butman, Readfield; [illegible], Mt Vernon; Mrs Albion Gordon, Fayette; Mrs B F Winslow, Manchester; Mrs L F Dolloff, Mt Vernon; Mrs F L Hopkins, Mt Vernon; [illegible], Fayette; Mrs A B Wing, Mt Vernon; [illegible] Crane, Fayette; Mrs C A Mace, Readfield; Mrs Ernest Pearl, Mt Vernon; Mrs J A Wing, Fayette; Mrs B F Cook, Readfield; [illegible], Winthrop; Mrs R W Packard, [illegible], Readfield; William K Atkinson, Mrs Geo E Gray, Winthrop; Mrs A P Brown, Mt Vernon.

Cheese.

Mrs M W Fish, plain, Mt Vernon; Mrs Cyrus Roberts, plain and green, Readfield; [illegible], plain and green, Fayette; Mrs Gilman Hawes, plain and green, Miss Sadie P Hawes, Readfield; Mrs Lydia I Robinson, Mt Vernon; Mrs B F Winslow, Manchester, plain and green; Mrs E H Bamford, Fayette, plain and green; Mrs H C Dolloff, Mt Vernon, green and plain; Mrs L F Hopkins, Mt Vernon, plain; Mrs H E Austin, Mt Vernon, plain and green; Mrs L D French, Mt Vernon, plain and green; Mrs B B Dudley, Mt Vernon, plain and green; Mrs Fremont Davis, Mt Vernon, plain and green; Mrs O E Stevens, Fayette, plain; Mattie E Stevens, Fayette, plain; Mrs Ernest Pearl, Mt Vernon, plain; Mrs J A Wing, Fayette, plain; Mrs Augustus Thomas, Readfield, plain.

Bread.

Miss Helen M Hoyt, flour, Graham and brown, Winthrop; Mrs D W White, flour, East Winthrop; Mrs L F Gile, flour, Readfield; [illegible], brown, Readfield; Mrs M T Jones, brown and flour, Fayette; Mrs J Henry Moore, flour, Winthrop; Miss S Maggie Robbins, Miss Olive L Robbins, brown, Mrs M L Robbins, brown and Graham, Winthrop; Mrs C L Burgess, Fayette; Miss Mattie E Stevens, flour, Fayette; Miss Laura E Gordon, flour, Mrs Samuel G Fogg, flour, Readfield; Etta Pulsifer, flour, No Wayne; Master Eddie Laughton, brown, flour, [illegible], Winthrop; Miss Emma Johnson, flour, Readfield; Mrs E H Kent, Fayette, flour; Mrs A P Brown, Mt Vernon, flour; [illegible], Readfield, flour; Mrs J O Butman, Readfield, flour.

Fruit, Flowers, Etc.

There was no indication of a lack of a bountiful harvest in either department, and the size and quality of the fruit, and quantity and fineness of the flowers must have been seen to be appreciated. This part of the building was occupied by the following parties with exhibits noted below: Christopher Gordon, Readfield, cranberries; A W Brainard, Readfield, apples; John T Clough, Ea Readfield, apples; F L Gordon, Ea Readfield, seedlings and apples; 11 varieties winter apples, 8 plates, and cranberries; [illegible], Wayne, special exhibit [illegible]; M T Jones, Fayette, cranberries; [illegible], Winthrop, fruit exhibits [illegible]; A G Underwood, Fayette, 6 plates apples; J O Butman, Readfield, winter and fall apples, pears [illegible]; [illegible], Mt Vernon, cranberries; [illegible], berries and onions; J P Johnson, Readfield, grapes; F L Hopkins, Mt Vernon, winter apples; H T Leach, Monmouth, winter apples and pears; [illegible] Stevens, Fayette, apples; [illegible]; S E Packard, Readfield, apples; A Wing, Fayette, fall and winter apples; [illegible] Coombe, Winthrop, pears; [illegible], cranberries; C Adelbert Stanton, Winthrop, plums and pumpkins; B F Cook, Readfield, apples; [illegible] Henderson, Readfield, 3 plates apples; [illegible] Keith, Winthrop, general fruit exhibit; [illegible] special, a fine exhibit made by [illegible] what he is doing; J B Wight, [illegible]; C Albert Robbins, Winthrop, [illegible]; G Fairbanks, Monmouth, [illegible] and plums; M V B Dudley, [illegible] varieties cranberries, [illegible]; F Stevens, Fayette, apples; [illegible] mouth, apples and pears; [illegible] large and complete display [illegible]; [illegible] Pope and son, Manchester, [illegible]; P Torsey, Kent's Hill, apples.

Counting the fruit we find 400 plates of apples, 54 of pears, 10 of grapes and 10 of plums.

In the floral display Kennebec excels, and it seems as though the display this year is better than was ever seen before. Long tables were covered with plants and vines, while spread out among them were many designs—pillars, posts, anchors, crosses, etc.—some of them very elaborate, all rich and tastily arranged. Great credit should be given to the ladies for the exquisite taste manifested in this department. The show of quilts, rugs, afghans, tidies, clothes, and all kinds of ladies' fancy needle work seemed limited only by the capacity of the hall, which extended over so much space upon which one would hardly realize the completeness of the exhibit in all styles and colors of handiwork, only upon careful examination. The great variety in needle work, the silk and worsted work, the quilts, afghans, lace and cotton embroidery, rugs, ottoman, plain and fancy mats, tidies, fancy rugs, infants' wear, ladies and gents hose, banners, sofa pillows, &c., numbering 276, while in the art gallery the exhibits many articles of rare merit. The larger display of oil paintings by Miss N. E. Hunton, Readfield, were those of Miss Etta Johnston of Winthrop. The crayon work of Miss Fannie French, Kent's Hill, and Miss Alice Haynes, Readfield, was fine. The art display, made by the students of Kent's Hill Art Department, was one of the best of the hall exhibits. Under the guiding hand of a superior artist, Miss Maxim, new features have been introduced, and here was shown modelling in clay and plaster, pen and ink sketches, sepia, crayons and watercolor. The pen and ink sketches done by Miss Fannie French, and the work by Miss Mae Smith, a young miss of 11 years, were remarkably fine. The modelling was good, indicating taste and ability. In fact the whole exhibit was a great credit to the art department of this deservedly popular school. Though carefully selected, and not specially prepared for exhibition, it told the story of faithful work and marked ability. When another year has passed, and pupils have had time to perfect themselves, we hope to be able to report as much progress as was here seen as the result of three terms or less.

The Grange exhibits by Readfield and Starling Granges—the latter being from Fayette—occupied the larger portion of the lower floor. The trustees with a desire to further Grange interests, opened a new field by liberal premiums to the granges of the county. It being something new, only these two entered, but what was wanting in numbers was fully covered by amount. Both Granges attempted to fully occupy the field, and in variety and excellence of their exhibits satisfied the public that, while Grangers are farmers and farmers' wives, and engaged to produce the products of the farm, they also find time to cultivate the arts and sciences, and the character of this work will compare favorably with any other. As a means of educating the public to the standard of the farm homes, these Grange exhibits are valuable. In this case while Readfield excelled in some directions, Fayette did in others, and the committee found it no easy task to make the awards. Next year will find other Granges competing, and the variety and amount of the exhibits greatly increased. The basket of sweet potatoes, grown in Readfield by Frank P. Fogg, looked good enough to eat. They were grown from plants brought from New Jersey, and for size campared very favorably with those brought to our markets. Samples of Williams & Clark's fertilizers, with crops grown by their use, were shown, and on one of the tables, the manufacturer of the good Samaritan Liniment, V. Stearns, Readfield, displayed a list of his testimonials, together with the attractive looking liquid. Hawkers and peddlers occupied the space about the buildings, and with their musical (?) voices advertised their wares.

Notwithstanding the crowds that attended each day, and the fact that the entire track is unprotected by a fence on the inside, no accidents are reported. One driver in a race was thrown out by a collision, and the horse made the circuit of the track, and another broke his bit and threw his driver, but both were stopped without injury to any one. The total receipts must be very pleasing and satisfactory to the officers, as they are all interested in the society, reaching almost fifteen hundred dollars, nearly thirteen hundred coming from the gate receipts. Kennebec Co. Fair is a success in every respect, and the lovers of all classes and departments are assured of something to see worth seeing. The exhibit of farm implements was confined to a Champion Road Machine, a Gray Horse Power, the North Wayne bush extractors—a practical test of which was made on Thursday to the entire satisfaction of every one—and a few small implements, plows, etc. Much credit is due the officers for the good order and freedom from drunkenness. No objectionable features were allowed on the grounds, and no beer or cider selling outside. They seemed desirous of doing all that was possible to free the exhibition from everything objectionable, and for this deserve the hearty thanks of the public. That they are devoted to the best interests of the society no one doubts; the only criticism that has been or may be made must be against methods of business, rather than against individuals.

The public reading of the awards was very wisely omitted, and thus the attention of a large audience secured for the admirable addressof Rev. E. Dennett, which we shall publish next week.

The Races.

The races were all good and gave general satisfaction. The following being the summaries:

SUMMARY—FOUR YEAR-OLDS AND OVER.

Hood, b g, A Hood, Winthrop	1 1 1
Silver Knox, g m, Chas Sylvester, Augusta	[illegible]
Premier, b g, Albert Daggett, Manchester	[illegible]
Gypsy, b m, Geo Palmer, Wayne	[illegible]
Soda Cracker, blk g, Fred Davis, Augusta	[illegible]
Gypsy, b m, C A Hoyt, Winthrop	[illegible]
Maxim, b m, Benj Maxim, Wayne	[illegible]
Victoria, b m, H L Johnson, Augusta	[illegible]
Daisy, b m, Noah Jewett, Kent's Hill	[illegible]

Time—2.50, 2.48½, 2.49.

4-YEAR OLDS AND UNDER.

Sligo, br s, L C Leadbetter, Wayne	[illegible]
Foxy, g g, C F Fairbanks, Winthrop	[illegible]
Idamont, br m, Geo C Towns, Winthrop	[illegible]

Time—3.28, 3.30.

RUNNING RACE.

W H Atkinson, Readfield, b m	[illegible]
J P Weston, Belgrade, ch m	[illegible]
Geo P Gray, Winthrop, b m	[illegible]

Time—2.21¼, 2.12.

2.50 CLASS.

Victoria, b m, H L Johnson, Augusta	[illegible]
Presto, b s, A M Kyle, Monmouth	[illegible]
Fanny Knox, b m, A M Guild, Augusta	[illegible]
Mazeppa, br g, R L Fox, Augusta	[illegible]
Jimmy P, br g, H H Pulsifer, Wayne	5 5 5 5 5 ro
Josie, ch m, F M Gaslin, Augusta	[illegible]

Time—[illegible].

This was a fighting race from the first, and carried over to the second day. Had the track been in good condition the time would have been much faster. Each horse was driven to win, and the metal of each was severely tested. The sixth heat was declared void as a punishment to each one for running.

2.40 CLASS.

Silver Knox, g g, Chas Sylvester, Augusta	[illegible]
Tom Patchen, Jr., blk s, Fred Davis, Vienna	[illegible]
Premier, br g, Albert Daggett, Manchester	[illegible]

Time—2.41¼, 2.46, 2.46, 2.47, 2.46, 2.45.

This, too, was a fighting race, though but three horses came up for the word. A new driver was put up behind Silver Knox in the fifth heat, and he won easily, trotting the sixth heat squarely and finely.

HORSES NOT ENTERED IN 2.40 CLASS.

Hood, b g, A Hood, Wayne	[illegible]
Fannie Knox, b m, A M Guild, Augusta	[illegible]
Gypsy, b m, C A Hoyt, Winthrop	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Baby, g m, J H Whitney, Winthrop	[illegible]

Time—[illegible].

FREE-FOR-ALL.

Isabella, b m, Geo Palmer, Wayne	[illegible]
Winthrop, ch s, A Hurd, Warrington	[illegible]
H C, blk m, N S Cleveland, Skowhegan	[illegible]

Time—2.41¼, 2.39½, 2.40, 2.45.

Considering the number of heats trotted, and the sharp contests, the rulings of the judges gave general satisfaction. The starter, J. C. Stinchfield, Esq., Wayne, proved himself the right man in the place, firm and sure in his decisions. Within the past few years there has been much complaint because of the numbers that render the judging impartially a difficult matter. This year, acting under the instruction of the trustees to enforce the national rules, all persons save the three judges and two timers, were excluded from the stand. Another place was provided for reporters, this was rather put into the crowd, and rendered the work of making a full report extremely difficult. The necessity for more and better stands was never realized as it has been this year. It is a fact that seems to be generally forgotten that the men who judge the horses draw the crowd and pay the bills. [illegible] must be added, and in the near future such must be provided.

Awards.

HORSES.

Stallions—J H Grant, Augusta, 1st, Cushnoc by Victor; A M Kyle, Monmouth, 2d, Presto, by Prescott; A Hood, Wayne, 3d, Abdallah Knox, by Holt's Abdallah.

Brood mares—J H Dunlap, Belgrade, 1st; [illegible]

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Woman's Department.

Work and Wages.

[Read at Kennebec County Pomona Grange, Sept. 27, by Mrs. M. E. B. Thompson.]

"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread," says the sage. *We* may seem foolhardy in attempting to solve a problem which has puzzled the wisest, and over which the political economists are in debate. However, we shall not meddle with that phase of the question, but confine ourselves to the ethical side in its relation to the worker.

Our attention was lately called to a bit of advice to stenographers, something like this: "Don't drop your work in such haste the moment your time is up, no matter how important its completion may be. There are times when an extra quarter or half hour's work may be of inestimable value to your employer, and he will value accordingly your favor in giving it cheerfully, instead of saying, (as we have heard), 'My time is up! I shall not work over time for any one!' By this hostile attitude you lose the regard, and the opportunities of advancement, you might have won."

Now is not such advice quite as suitable for other workers as for those to whom it was addressed? A writer for a Philadelphia paper seems to have such thought in mind when he says:

"Every thinker knows that the man who would succeed must do more work than he gets paid for, in every profession and trade. We take it for granted that the man who will do only $20 worth of work a week, because his salary is but $20, will never get more than $20 a week, for the simple reason that he has never shown his employer that he is worth more. To succeed he must do from 10 to 20 per cent. more work than he gets actually paid for, until he reaches a certain point. We will say that a man who is receiving $20 a week should do $30 worth of work; a man receiving $30 should do $40 worth of work, and so on, until, say the salary reaches $75, when he may give himself somewhat of rest. Labor brings its market value, and is seldom over paid. It is the experience, the 'know how,' that brings the money."

What *are* wages? let us here ask. You reply that "they are that which one receives in payment for one's work." Yet they may not always be in money, it may not even be always stipulated in the bargain. For instance: John goes into a store as errand boy at a dollar a week, with the promise of more if he gives satisfaction, and with the chance to rise in the future if he will. Now, is the mere money, the paltry dollar, as valuable a part of his wages to John, as these hopes and chances for the future? I am sure you will say, "No!" See him, an ambitious lad, as we presume, cheerfully, faithfully, zealously performing every duty that falls to his lot, ever looking hopefully forward to still better things before.

Such a promise is not always given, yet nearly always there is a tacit understanding to that effect; and the chief point is for one by faithful service to make himself so necessary to his employer that a steady advance, both in position and wages, will be assured to him. Nor is this all. Surely there is infinite reward in the consciousness of duty well and faithfully done. How few of us all are to consider only the pecuniary rewards of our labor, and complain if they be small, forgetting the far higher value of peace of mind, as well as the hopes of gain hereafter. These rewards are within the reach of all, however lowly their station, or humble their calling, or however small their compensation in dollars and cents, if they but accept and live up to the divine rule of life: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

True, he who does his duty squarely, "without fear or favor," may lose, even thousands on this account, while another, fearing to give some one offense, and thus to save a few dollars, makes so crooked a path as to remind you of a serpent's trail. What think you? In whose shoes would *you* choose to stand? What if the incendiary torch be applied, and one's hard earned property vanish in smoke! Let it go, and willingly, if *honor* but remain!

Yet the criminal only reaches such depth of infamy at the end of a long descent, by easy degrees in evil. And the man of honor has had his truth and integrity tested many times by lighter blows, until now, like a gigantic oak in the midst of a broad field, it defies the fiercest storms. O, the contrast between well and evil doing, between integrity and dishonor! While the choice is ours let us choose wisely.

Do we seem to dwell too much upon the thought of fidelity? Pardon us, if such be the case, but we are not alone in the fear that a lack of faithfulness is the great fault of to-day. No less an authority than George Parsons Lathrop, in the last issue of the *Nineteenth Century*, in an article on "The Growth of Materialism," has been laying his axe at the same root; and although we trust his view is quite too pessimistic, yet there is room for grave study in regard to the facts adduced. A recent writer in the *Atlantic* takes substantially the same ground. He says: "The main test of merit is success in gaining them, [riches]; . . . the idea that money brings happiness is common; . . . [the love of money] develops the myriad hypocrisies, deceits and shams which honeycomb conventional existence. It is this which deadens, and then destroys the intellectual and the spiritual life. . . . It hardens men's hearts, weakens their natural affections, saps their consciences, makes them strangers to truth, honor, and integrity. . . . To 'succeed in life' is 'to get rich,' is the all but universal understanding of the term."

That a great multitude agree with these prominent writers we may learn from our popular jokes, for they are often great revelators of public opinion. In France, for instance, virtue is made light of, and chastity regarded as a myth, and we need not be surprised that sensuality and license reign. In our own, land, alas, suspicion is constantly cast upon the honor even of the upright, and faithlessness to trust has become a jest.

But let us not be disheartened, nor think, as some would make it appear, that there is nothing in circulation but counterfeit coin. If there were not a genuine, no one would be deceived by the close imitation. If our lads and lassies are only of the *sterling material*, their success is sure, any desirable place is open to them. In what way advancement may come, and whither it may lead will depend, of course, upon their line of work. John, whom we saw an errand boy at 12 years old, has, by slow but steady progression, risen through the various clerkships, until at forty he is at the head of one of the departments, or, it may be, owns a partnership in the concern. Thus rose A. T. Stewart, and many another of the merchant princes of to-day. And in every walk of life we may see that the same qualities win the same success.

It is said of the late Oliver Hoyt, that "he adopted but two rules of life, what he ought *not* to do, and what he *ought* to do. Under the first he included, not only every sin, but every appearance of evil. Under the second everything that goes to make a man a good Christian, a loyal citizen, a true friend, a helpful neighbor. Mastering his business and aiming at success, he soon attained it." If every young man, every boy and girl, would early adopt these principles, there would be no chance for failure.

Having no definite object in life accounts for many of the failures; it is like a ship drifting rudderless over a stormy sea. Sometimes a youth early shows some special talent, as for medicine or surgery. We see him performing his school tasks with ardor, and often devoting his leisure to some pursuit which will forward his one great aim. He captures the birds and insects, not to harm them, but to study their habits, their structure, their uses. He sets and binds the pet kitten's broken leg, the bird's helpless wing. He studies the flowers, not only in hearty appreciation of their beauty, but to discover new properties, new uses. His observant eye detects beauty where others see only deformity, and good in that which seems worthless.

"But what if a lad do not early manifest a special talent?" Why, the greatest genius is the genius for hard work. Moreover, genius, talent, without the power of application, of hard work, is valueless. But with the golden trio, industry, perseverance, and fidelity, one may attain the highest success; to him who has the will, the way is always open. "What man has done, man can do."

Not every one, perhaps, possesses these qualities in the requisite degree to carry him to the heights some have attained. But all may win true and lasting honor by the cultivation of these virtues. And though it may seem that the old-fashioned adage (which a celebrated old woman always quoted as her favorite Bible verse), "honesty is the best policy," were all a grand mistake, because so many do acquire wealth by unfair means, yet we still adhere to the belief that some time, somehow, somewhere, "every man shall be rewarded as his work shall be." O, that our young people were awakened to a laudable ambition. We know that as the *heart*, the life must be. If our youth are but actuated by worthy motives, inspired by true and lofty aims, their work will win such reward that we shall not find them quarrelling with their wages. We repeat, "with a high standard, and strong, earnest, persevering effort, success is *sure*." But the young man who lounges on the street corner, or in the bar-room, or any where else, "waiting," like Micawber, "for something to turn up," will wait in vain. Success will give him the go-by, and he will never win. He who with energy will "assist to turn things up for himself," do "the work nearest him," whatever comes to hand in fact, with zeal and fidelity, will find the way broadening, the difficulties more easily surmounted, each being but a stepping stone to higher ground, where greater opportunities will open before him.

"Honor and worth from no condition rise;
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

Are we all actuated by this spirit? Are we striving to impress others with the fact? Do we show by every word and act that no gold could compare in value with virtue, honor and integrity? Especially we, who have to do with the children in the church, the school, the home, should see our influence aright. The boy carefully and persistently taught that success alone, means an honest, unselfish, christian life, will carry the belief to manhood.

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Collectors' Notices.

MR. C. S. AYER will call upon our subscribers in Lincoln county during October.

MR. I. C. LIBBY of Burnham, our cattle reporter, is authorized to receipt for moneys and receive subscriptions for the paper.

MR. J. W. KELLOGG will call upon our subscribers in Aroostook county during October and November.

A girl in Sidney wrote her name on one of a crate of eggs, which her father shipped to Boston. She did not get a husband out of it, but her sister did. The sister was married Sept. 21st, after several years of correspondence, to the book-keeper of the firm who received the egg.

Mr. W. P. Washburne of Livermore Falls, son of Hon. E. B. Washburne, says: "I have news that my father is rapidly recovering from the attack of congestion of the brain, and he will probably be better than when he was prostrated. He is still a sick man, and it will take some weeks for him to get about again, but the prospect is most encouraging."

We call attention to the grand work the *Farmer* is doing this season in reporting the Fairs in different sections of the State. Our broad columns enable us to give particulars and details that no other paper will attempt, and we know that this cannot but be appreciated by all concerned. It is one thing to have a good show, and quite another that it shall be well reported, so that its good effects may be felt outside of its immediate locality.

Mr. J. G. Hoyt, of Farmington, in an address before the State Pomological Society, tells of a Franklin County farmer who last year raised 1500 barrels of grafted apples, manufacturing his own barrels, and evaporated 2100 bushels of the fruit, which he was able to dispose of at a price equal to that of the best quality of raisins, pound for pound. This goes to show that the right kind of a man can raise fruit profitably this side of California.

We are sure that our correspondent, in his strictures two weeks ago on the management of the Kennebec Fair, had no intention of challenging the motives of the Trustees; and we are sorry that his brief words have been construed into anything like unfriendliness to this old and honored Society. The Trustees are among the most intelligent farmers of this section, and their successful management of the recent Fair held at Readfield, seems to demonstrate that they are good business men as well.

Gov. Bodwell has named the following gentlemen as delegates to the National Farmers' Congress, to be held at the Sherman House, Chicago, November 10, 11, and 12: Hon. Frederick Robie, Gorham; Hall C. Burleigh, Esq., Vassalboro; E. A. Bailey, Esq., Winthrop; John M. Deering, Esq., Saco; Hon. Rufus Prince, Turner; Alonzo Libby, Esq., Saccarappa; Hon. E. E. Parkhurst, Presque Isle; Elijah Smith, Esq., Bangor; Albert Haynes, Esq., Fort Fairfield.

The report of the Commissioner of Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1887, is just completed. The Commissioner recites in detail the operations of the Bureau, describes the publications issued, and mentions the improvements made or under consideration. The report shows that the condition of progress hitherto characteristic of American education has been in general maintained during the year. Occasional instances of retrogression and reaction are more than balanced by healthy growths and judicious improvements.

The President has invited Hon. William L. Putnam of Portland, Maine, and President James B. Angell of Michigan University, to act with the Secretary of State in negotiating with Great Britain for the settlement of the Canadian fisheries disputes. Both have accepted the invitations. Mr. Putnam has been United States Counsel two years in cases arising under the laws and treaty in connection with the fisheries dispute. President Angell has experience in international transactions, having been one of the commissioners by whom the latest treaty with China was negotiated. Mr. Putnam is a democrat, President Angell a republican.

About $70,000,000 worth of property have been annihilated in the United States thus far in this peaceful year of our Lord 1887—not by anarchists nor riotous strikers, but by fires alone. The country is so much the poorer, and it is a very large sum. The prospects are that the remaining three months will swell the total draft upon the accumulations of the good people of this country to the extent of at least $100,000,000. A great proportion of the fire loss can be obviated, and millions of dollars be earned by saving them, for the majority of fires occur either from carelessness or crime, and nothing like adequate attention is devoted to this state of affairs.

Rev. Henry Bernard Carpenter is the recipient of a very handsome windfall in retiring from the Hollis Street Church pastorate in Boston. Upon the eve of his retirement, the standing committee of Hollis Street held a meeting and voted to donate to the retiring pastor the generous sum of $10,000, "as a token of the society's appreciation of his zealous work in its behalf." The munificence of the gift and the generous spirit that prompted it, overwhelmed Mr. Carpenter so that he could hardly express his thanks. He said, however, that the gift was an opportune one, and that he should settle it upon his wife, intimating that he should spend the interest of it in Germany. This is royal treatment of a retiring pastor. Mr. Carpenter is well known in this State, having labored in Bridgton.

On Friday last, Mr. I. C. Libby sold the magnificent herd of cattle belonging to E. A. Bailey of Winthrop, to Messrs. H. Bird & Co., of the Faneuil Hall Market, Boston, at a fancy, gilt-edged price. These cattle, twenty in number, have been exhibited at both State Fairs, and at the Readfield Fair, and good judges say they make up the best team in America. Although they are young cattle, their ages ranging from two to four years, they will dress at an average of 1500 lbs., each. After being exhibited at Watertown & Brighton, and a parade through the streets of Boston, they will be cut up and wholly consumed at the Quincy House. As Mr. Libby is in favor of the growth and production of this kind of beef, he charged no commission on the sale of these cattle.

The *Manufacturers' Record*, of Baltimore, publishes a quarterly statement of the South's industrial progress. It gives lists of new enterprises organized during the first nine months of 1887. The growth of industrial interests in the South during that time are reported as surpassing anything ever before known. From Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 2,594 new manufacturing and mining enterprises are reported, against 1,175 for the corresponding time in 1886. These cover almost the whole range of human industry. The capital invested the first three-quarters of 1887 was $212,455,000, against $83,834,200 the first nine months of 1886. The *Record* sums up the South's growth since 1879, and shows that there has been an increase of 15,000 new industries; of 15,000 miles of railroad built, costing, with improvements to old roads, over six hundred million dollars; an increase of $1,000,000,000 in assessed value of property; the iron production has increased from 397,000 tons to 876,000 tons; the amount of coal mined has grown from 6,000,000 tons in 1880 to nearly 14,000,000 tons; the cotton mills have increased from 180 to 370; the cotton seed oil mills from 40 to 150. During that period the cotton crop alone sold for $2,500,000,000, an average of $300,000,000 a year, while the total value of southern agricultural products is $700,000,000 a year.

Some Augusta Memories.

One of the important questions that was annually considered in the early settlement of Augusta in the town-meeting, was the location and building of a meeting-house. The student of that valuable work, North's "History of Augusta," can be amused as well as interested at the repeated votes taken upon the original question of location of this all important building. It was not till 1782 that the building of a meeting-house was actually commenced. It was located on what is now known as Market Square, very nearly at the east end of Mr. Allen's publishing house; but it required many years to finish this plain building. Mr. North says that in April, 1783, the town meeting was called at this meeting-house, but not until August 1784 was it glazed, and the money for the glass and putty raised by subscription, and a committee sent to Boston to purchase it. In 1787 a small porch was erected, but the building remained unfinished, without gallery, pews or plastering, until 1795. In 1794 the legislature incorporated three parishes in the town, known as the North, Middle and South. The dividing line between the South and Middle parishes was the present south line of Augusta, and between the Middle and North parishes the north line of lot 18 on the west side of the river, and lot 34 on the east. The Middle parish remained by that name until after the division of Hallowell and the incorporation of Augusta in 1797, it took the name of South parish, and under this name in its earliest days had divisions and troubles, and societies grew out of it, until a reorganization took place, and it was reunited in 1809, and the new meeting-house, which was begun in 1806, completed on the site of the present magnificent stone church of the South Parish congregation.

This society has practically been in existence since 1782, for 105 years, and connected with it, a remarkable line of divines. Its first pastor was the Rev. Isaac Foster, who was settled here in 1786. He was a native of Hartford, Conn.; a man of liberal education, who, even at that early day, did not subscribe to all the rigid Calvanistic doctrines. Mr. Foster, owing to a division in the church, only remained a few years in charge of the parish. In 1795 Rev. Daniel Stone was settled over this parish, and remained its pastor until 1809. He was followed by the Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., so well known to many of our citizens now living, who was settled over this parish in 1811, continuing as its pastor until 1849. Dr. Tappan was succeeded by his son-in-law, the Rev. Edwin B. Webb, who remained the pastor of this church for ten years, and who left here for a wider field of usefulness in Boston. He was followed by the Rev. Alexander McKenzie, who remained seven years, and under whose administration the new stone church was erected, when he left to become the pastor of the famous Shepherd Memorial Church of Cambridge, Mass., where he remains to this day, having all the time an official connection with Harvard College. The Rev. Joel F. Bingham of Rochester, N. Y., succeeded Dr. McKenzie, who in turn was succeeded by the Rev. J. H. Ecob, now of Albany, New York, a divine of scholarly attainments and great power. The parish then for a time had for its pastor Rev. Mr. Mott, a graduate of Princeton, who was succeeded by the present pastor, the Rev. Arthur F. Skeele. Thus in the 105 years since the organization of the church it has had only eight pastors, a very remarkable fact, and its three most noted ones graduates of Harvard College.

Of its earliest pastor, Mr. Foster, but little is known; but of its second pastor, Daniel Stone, much is known. He came to Augusta from Lincoln, Mass., in 1794. He had graduated from Harvard College three years before, with honors in his class. He was settled over the Middle and South parish for fourteen years. He was a man of broad views, great cultivation, liberal thought, progressive in all his ideas. He did not hold to the doctrine of Calvin, and was thoroughly Armenian. The fact of his pronounced liberal views led to his early retirement from the ministry, but he always remained a member of and an active participant in the affairs of his church. He inherited and acquired property, and settled upon the east side of the river upon a farm which ran from the river back to the two mile line, his house being situated upon the spot of the residence of the late William Caldwell. After his retirement from his pastorate he devoted himself to the cultivation of his farm, in which he always took a lively interest. He was for many years selectman of Augusta, was county treasurer of Kennebec county, and in the early days acted as a trial justice, being a man of such liberal views and of such fairness of mind that the lawyers in many of the surrounding towns submitted to him for decision their cases. Mr. Stone has many descendants now living in this city. Since the recent death of his daughter, Mrs. Lusannah Brooks, all being of the second, third and fourth generations. His wife was Lusannah Williams of Easton, Mass., a sister of Deacon Church Williams, and a sister of the grandmother of Governor Ames of Massachusetts. Mr. Stone had four children, who grew to maturity. Lusannah Williams, who married William A. Brooks; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Stanwood, and went in early life to Boston to live, and recently died in Chestnut Hill; Abigail, who was the wife of William Caldwell who served this State in the State Treasurer's office so many years with great fidelity, and Daniel, now living in Watertown, Mass.

A few years ago the children of Dr. Tappan placed to his memory in the South Parish church a memorial tablet, and many interested in the history of this old church suggested to Mrs. Brooks that it would be a fitting thing to have erected in the church a tablet to the memory of her father, in order that the memory of the two early pastors, who for so many years were settled over this parish, both of them having many things in common, being graduated from the same Alma Mater, and being men of such strong, vigorous and positive opinions, who had done so much to build up this parish, might have their memory preserved by enduring marble. Mrs. Brooks, before her death, made preparation, after consultation with the descendants of her father, and with their assistance and coöperation, to have this tablet erected. It was brought to the attention of the church who very gladly invited its erection, and although Mrs. Brooks never lived to see the tablet placed in position, she lived long enough to know that it was completed and would soon become a part of the building. The tablet is of beautiful Italian marble, and is placed at the right of the pulpit just opposite the tablet erected to the memory of the late Dr. Tappan. Upon it are these words:

> "To the memory of Rev. Daniel Stone,
> Pastor of this Church from 1795 to 1809.
> The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

It may not be out of place in this connection, while recalling in a general way the history of this church, and the erection of this tablet to the memory of one of its early pastors, to pay a slight tribute of respect to the memory of the noble woman who was the daughter of this man. Lusannah Stone was born Nov. 24, 1802; she died Sept. 11, last, having nearly reached her 85th birthday. She was married Nov. 22, 1824, to William A. Brooks, who was engaged in trade in this city for many years under the old firm name of Means & Brooks, and was for twenty years the President of the Granite Bank and the Granite National Bank, and many years President of the Augusta Savings Bank. This union was blessed with four children, three of whom are now living: Lucy Williams, the widow of the late Governor Cony, Louisa Stone, the wife of Dr. Henry M. Harlow, and Miss Susan Cony Brooks. Mrs. Brooks was a woman who inherited great strength of character from both parents; she was a woman of strong mental endowments, of generous and noble impulses, of broad public views, charitable to a fault, generous in the extreme, never hesitating to stand for any opinion that she shared, always possessing charity for the convictions of others. She had great pride in the character and accomplishments of her father, and she aided materially in promoting the success which her husband gained. She was for more than half a century an honored member of the church. She exerted a strong influence upon the young, all her long life exhibiting for them the most friendly interest. No public charity ever appealed to her in vain, she gave with a liberal hand. Everything which pertained to the welfare, growth and development of Augusta she took as keen an interest in as if she had been one of its most active business men. She desired to promote all local institutions, and believed Augusta to be the best spot on earth. It seems particularly fitting that she should have been instrumental in causing the erection of this tablet to her father's memory, as it will serve to perpetuate not only his memory but to keep fresh her own. It may with truth be said, that not only her children, but her children's children may rise and call her blessed.

Maine Central Railroad.

The winter arrangement which goes into effect Sunday, Oct. 23, gives additional and increased facilities for travel to persons coming to or going from Augusta over this popular road. The running time of the trains will be the same as last winter, with few exceptions; the east bound afternoon passenger train, will leave Augusta thirty minutes earlier than last winter. The morning passenger train from Portland, which leaves Augusta at 9.40, will go through to Bangor, making connection at Waterville with train for Skowhegan, arriving at Bangor at noon. This arrangement gives Augusta three trains from and to Bangor. The train arriving here from Bangor at 3.09 P. M., will make connection at Waterville with the train from Skowhegan, and the train leaving Augusta at 9.40 will make connection with the train for Skowhegan. These are connections which we never had before, and the new arrangement will be a great convenience and advantage to our people. The evening train which formerly arrived at 7.55 P. M., will arrive at 7.35 P. M., twenty minutes earlier. The new double track from Portland to Cumberland saves many crossing orders and enables the management to run the trains faster. Mr. Tucker, in making these arrangements, has acted for the best interests of the citizens of Augusta. Mr. Tucker has always been ready to do everything in his power to give every facility possible to the travelling public consistent with a due regard of his duty to the corporation which he so acceptably serves. Every traveller knows that the Maine Central Railroad is one of the best equipped and best officered roads in the country; its management is not surpassed. The interests of our citizens will always be carefully guarded, so far as railroad facilities are concerned, so long as Mr. Tucker remains at the head of the Maine Central Railroad.

Editor's Table.

Harper's Magazine for October is brimful of the best reading, containing a wealth of illustrations, interesting and useful sketches, stories, editorials, etc. Harper's periodicals per year, postage free to subscribers in the United States or Canada. Harper's Magazine $4.00; Harper's Weekly $4.00; Harper's Bazar $4.00; Harper's Young People $2.00; Harper's Franklin Square Library, (one number a week for 52 weeks) $10.00. Published by Harper Bros., New York.

Mr. George W. Cable will contribute a novelette to early numbers of *The Century*. It is an Acadian story, entitled "Au Large," with the double meaning of the Acadian usage, "Out on the open prairie," and the larger application, "Out in the world abroad." The reader will meet again Claude (the hero,) Bonaventure, Maximian, Tarbox, Sidonie, Zosephine and her daughter (now a woman,) St. Pierre, and other characters of "Carancro" and Grande Pointe." The date is the year before the New Orleans Universal Exhibition. The story sets forth the effect of enlightening influences and free institutions upon the Acadian country and character.

St. Nicholas for 1888 is to have a series of papers on Australia, by Mr. Joseph O'Brien, a writer of experience and a member of the editorial staff of a leading Australian journal. Another series in this magazine will be "The Routine of the Republic," by Mr. Edmund M. Alton, author of "Among the Law-Makers," which will describe for young folks the daily practical workings of the administrative department of our government. It will show how the President works at the White House, and will conduct its readers through the Treasury Departments, the custom-houses, etc. Mr. Alton's previous series described the workings of Congress.

The numbers of *The Living Age* for the weeks ending Sept. 24, and Oct. 1, contain The Island of Serk, a Sermon in Stones, *Blackwood*; Ancient and Modern Painted Glass, *National Review*; Eberhardt, *Blackwood*; Greater Greece and its Education, *Fortnightly*; Minerals at the American Exhibition, *Nature*; The Society of Dogs, *Spectator*; The Folk-Lore of Ceylon Birds, *Nature*; Mgr. Dupanloup, *Church Quarterly*; The Chartreuse of St. Hugh in Sussex, *Month*; A Visit in a Dutch Country House, *English Illustrated Magazine*; In Vermland, *Cornhill*; Amiel, *Macmillan*; with instalments of "Richard Cable" and "Major and Minor," poetry and miscellany.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price ($8) is low; while for $10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American $4.00 monthlies or weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

The American Magazine for October is before us. It is an unusually interesting number. An ascent to the lofty crater of the Mexican volcanic mountain, Popocatepetl, is described by Arthur Howard Noll. A very interesting instalment of Edgar Fawcett's seriel of "Oliver Delaplaine," is also given. It contains a finely written description of China and its old-fashioned people, a lively account of a canoe trip to Penrose Ferry, near Philadelphia, the full details of the building of the Washington National Monument, besides stories, poems, etc. The magazine is finely illustrated. Single copies, 25 cents. Subscription price, $3 per annum. Published by the American Magazine Company, 749 Broadway, New York.

THE SONS OF MAINE. The opening of the annual reunion of the Maine Veteran Association of Massachusetts and the Maine Regimental Association at Haverhill, Mass., occurred Thursday afternoon. The procession marched through Washington, Merrimac and Main streets to the City Hall, and by a countermarch moved up Merrimac street to the Star rink, where supper was served. Plates were laid for 450. During the march the Governor's salute of 17 guns were fired. The city presented a holiday appearance. Business and labor were almost entirely suspended. The decorations of public and private buildings were fine. Pine trees and birches were extensively used. Among the distinguished visitors were Gov. Bodwell and staff of Maine.

Two thousand people were present at the camp-fire Thursday night. Judge Henry Carter of Bradford, made the opening address. S. C. Small of Boston, was toastmaster. The sentiments were responded to by Gov. Bodwell, Hon. C. A. Boutelle of Bangor, Mayor Sheldon of Haverhill, and others. The "Star Spangled Banner" was sung by Mrs. L. P. Morrill of Boston.

Twenty-five thousand people witnessed the veterans' parade Friday. Governor Ames and staff arrived at 8.40 o'clock and were received at the station by the Eighth Regiment, A. G. Talbot in command, following which the grand parade took place. During the march Battery C fired the Governors' salute of 17 guns. The column moved through the principal streets, countermarching to the steamer City of Haverhill, when an excursion was taken down the river. At Black Rocks a clam bake was served.

The closing festivities consisted of a grand military and civic Ball in the evening in City Hall. A hundred couples joined in the grand march, led by Mayor Sheldon and lady. The hall was handsomely trimmed.

THE CUP REMAINS. The natty Volunteer again beat the Thistle in the second contest, Friday, and the cup remains in America, as no third trial is needed to dispose of the challenge of the Thistle.

The race was in every respect a great improvement upon Tuesday's contest. In the first place, it was a race from start to finish. There was nothing of the drifting match about it. For other points of advantage it was sailed under equal conditions in open waters, where seamanship had free play. The foreign yacht was not handicapped in any degree by lack of familiarity with the turns and tides of a narrow and land-locked course. This time, beyond denial, the Volunteer won on her merits. No doubt, in Tuesday's contest she made it plain that she was the better boat, but Friday, both the element of luck and the interference of the convoying steamers were reduced to a minimum, and the American sloop established her superiority in such fashion that there is no room for cavilling.

The Volunteer won by her wonderful powers in windward work. The start was at Scotland lightship. The course was twenty nautical miles to windward and return. With the usual allowance for windward work the outward course may be rated at 26 miles, and the total distance at forty-six miles. The windward leg was covered by the Volunteer in 3h. 45m. 49⅜s., and by the Thistle in 4h. 0m. 39s. Thus in beating, the sloop made a gain of 14m. 49⅛s. on the cutter. On the leeward leg the relative positions as to speed were reversed. The run back to the lightship was made by the Volunteer in 1h. 57m. 6⅛s., and by the Thistle in 1h. 54. 12s., a gain of 2m. 54⅛s. for the cutter. The course was covered by the Volunteer in 5h. 42m. 56⅛s., and by the Thistle in 5h. 54m. 51s., a lead of 11m. 54⅜s. in elapsed time for the American boat. As the Thistle received an allowance of six seconds, the Volunteer's lead stands at 11m. 48⅜s. in corrected time.

The Volunteer sailed at the average rate of seven knots an hour on the windward leg, or 10¼ knots an hour on the leeward leg, and 8½ knots an hour for the whole course. The Thistle averaged 6 9-16 knots an hour on the windward leg, 10¾ knots an hour on the leeward leg, and 7 13-16 knots an hour for the course. Thus, in beating, the Volunteer had an advantage of seven-sixteenths of a knot per hour, while in running the Thistle had the heels of the sloop by one-quarter of a knot an hour. For the whole course the Volunteer's speed averaged 5-16 of a knot above the Thistle's.

The President's Trip.

President Cleveland, accompanied by his wife, private Secretary and a select party of friends, left Washington the 30th ult., for an extended trip throughout the West and South. He will visit Indianapolis, St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Omaha, Kansas City, Memphis, Louisville, Nashville, Atlanta, Montgomery, and various other intermediate points, and is expected to return to Washington on Saturday, the 22d inst. Daybreak of Saturday found the President's train on the Western Ohio road about two hours west of Columbus. At Bradford Junction, at seven o'clock, the President made his first appearance and greeted the crowd which had gathered about the car. Mrs. Cleveland did not appear.

At Richmond, Indiana, half an acre of solid humanity awaited the train. The five minute stop was spent in handshaking, the President remaining upon the platform of the car and grasping the hands reached up to him.

The train reached Indianapolis on time, and the party was met and driven in procession to the Capitol.

Day dawned in a drizzle, and the outlook for the reception was gloomy, but the President's "good luck" brought him a burst of sunshine as the procession moved. The line of march was straight down Washington street. From railroad crossing, where the President left the cars to the State House, where he was formally received and held a reception, is just about a mile, and on either side was packed with people. The view up Main street was inspiring. The procession moved promptly at 11 o'clock, and was a grand affair. The Hendricks club formed in a hollow square surrounding the President's carriage, and followed on either side ranged in rows two abreast. The open carriage was hidden almost by drapery and flags. It was drawn by eight powerful gray horses gaily caparisoned. On the back seat to the right sat the President, and by his side Mrs. Cleveland. The progress of the vehicle was marked by cheers, while hats were waved and handkerchiefs fluttered from every window. The reception all along the route was cordial and respectful. The scene up Washington street was one of great magnificence and enthusiasm was unbounded. Reaching the State Capitol members of the presidential party were escorted to the stand, where the President was introduced by Governor Gray in a few very appropriate friendly words. In reply to the Governor, the President addressed the assemblage. The President and Mrs. Cleveland expressed themselves delighted with the warmth and cordiality of their reception.

At Terre Haute a grand demonstration was made in honor of the President. The President made a brief speech, and at its conclusion the party took the train for St. Louis. At the Van De Venter Place, St. Louis, at the mansion of Mayor Francis, where President and Mrs. Cleveland were staying, a crowd collected early Sunday morning to catch the first glimpse of them. Shortly after 10 o'clock Mr. Cleveland and his wife, accompanied by Mayor Francis and wife appeared, They were driven to the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church. In the street near the church many people assembled. As the party passed to the door of the church the spectators uncovered their heads. At the conclusion of the service the party were driven to Mayor Francis's residence where they dined. At 9 Monday morning the party was escorted to the residence of Mayor Francis, where they were met by the mayor. Shortly after 10 o'clock all were driven to the fair grounds. The route taken by the carriages was elaborately decorated, and much enthusiasm was manifested by the spectators, the President and Mrs. Cleveland acknowledging the demonstrations by bowing to the crowd. The Presidential party reached the fair grounds at 10.45 A. M. They were driven around the race course, stopping in front of the grand stand to hear 3,000 children sing "America." The amphitheatre surrounding the course contained upwards of 40,000 persons. The party then returned to Mayor Faancis' residence, and Mrs. Cleveland remained to prepare for a luncheon given in her honor by Mrs. Henry Scanlan. The rest of the parts arrived at the Merchants' Exchange at 12.10 P. M. The President was introduced by Mayor Francis, and responded in a speech to the merchants. A grand reception given to Mrs. Cleveland at noon, by Mrs. Henry Scanlan, was attended by about 150 of the most fashionable and beautiful women of St. Louis. In the evening the party were escorted through the illuminated streets of the city. About 150,000 people were waiting along the line. At the Exposition they were conducted through the exhibition halls. In the auditorium of Music Hall the party occupied two reserved boxes. Gilmore's Band of sixty pieces played several selections. In the evening the President was serenaded, and responded in a brief speech. Chicago will be the next place visited.

The Grand Army at St. Louis.

The postponed parade took place on Thursday. Ten divisions were in line. Shortly before 11 o'clock the column was formed, and a large escort formed around the Commander-in-chief. As the column passed under the beautiful stained glass transparency of Gen. Grant on Fourth street, all uncovered their heads and passed in silence.

The head of the procession reached the Grand Army arch that spanned Olive street at Twelfth at noon. Commander-in-Chief Fairchild, Gen. Sherman, Ex-Vice President Hannibal Hamlin, the war Governors and other distinguished guests left the carriages and took positions in the grand stand just east of the arch. Missouri's contingent was 25 minutes in passing; Illinois', 15 minutes; Kansas', 12 minutes; the other States were represented by posts and regiments. Along the line of march were thousands of boys in blue, who thought it too wet to march. Dripping flags received much boisterous notice. As the squad carrying the tattered remnants of battle flags passed by, the enthusiasm was unbounded. Throughout the column an occasional warrior carried a cane or a pole on which was dangling a chicken leg, mutton side, bacon, cabbage or some other representation of the foraging expedition of commissary stores.

In the afternoon a business meeting was held. The address of Commander Fairchild showed the total members at the time of the last national encampment as 326,499; the number June 30, 1887, 372,674; actual gain, 46,157. The amount expended for charity from March, 1886, to March, 1887, inclusive, is $253,934, disbursed to 17,607 comrades and families and 8999 others. During the year death has claimed 3406 members, including John A. Logan.

A letter was received by Gen. Fairchild from Joseph W. Drexel, offering in perpetuity the cottage at Mount McGregor in which Gen. Grant spent his last days, to the survivors of those gallant men who saved the country, the only condition being that the cottage and surrounding grounds shall be held in trust by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, the president of the Mount McGregor Railway Company, and another, to be named by the donor. Gen. Fairchild recommended that it be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief with authority to accept if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

On Friday service pensions were voted down, but a very liberal list of amendments to the present laws were favored, including pensions for all disabled veterans, however disabled, direct continuance of pensions for widows, an increase for minor children, and for fathers and mothers from date of dependence, increased pensions for severer disabilities, re-enactment of the arrears law, etc.

When the encampment came to ballot for officers there were four candidate for commander-in-chief—Gen. Slocum, Judge Rea of Minnesota, Gen. Grier and Maj. Warner.

Major Warner, in a splendid speech, withdrew his name. Grier had 18 votes, Slocum 172, and Rea 340. Col. Nelson Cole of St. Louis was elected senior vice-commander-in-chief without opposition, and John C. Linehan of New Hampshire was chosen junior vice-commander-in-chief by acclamation. Florence Donahoe of Washington was elected surgeon-general and Rev. Edward Anderson chaplain-in-chief.

The committee on the Logan monument reported, recommending that a fund be provided for the erection of an equestrian statue at Washington. Gov. Alger has subscribed $1000, and George G. Lemon of New York a similar amount.

The next National Encampment will be held at Columbus, Ohio, in 1888, the week of the centennial of the settlement of that city.

It is worth noting that of the six oldest surviving members of the United States Senate, three were New England Senators, and a fourth was a native of this section. The six are Simon Cameron, the senior of them all, Hannibal Hamlin and James W. Bradbury of Maine, Alpheus Felch of Michigan, who was a native of Maine, Robert C. Winthrop of Massachusetts, and Jefferson Davis of Mississippi. The Portland *Advertiser* says: "The surviving Senators of the '40s form a remarkable group, though it is a melancholy reflection to think, that in the nature of things, it is a group which must soon be broken up."

We have received a copy of the sixth edition of the "Advertisers' Manual," published by Horace Dodd of Boston, the well known and reliable advertising agent. It is really a hand-book for the advertising public, and contains a vast amount of information which it cannot do without.

New England Horse Breeders' Meeting at Mystic.

The first meeting held by this new Society, organized last winter, has been in every sense a success, reflecting great credit upon the corps of officers, and especially the untiring efforts of the efficient Secretary, S. A. Parlin, Esq. The only criticism to be made is against those, who through fear, drew their colts at the last, and thus prevented the complete exhibition of New England stock that was so much desired by the officers. Had the full number that entered been shown, the result would have been better for all. It is not always best to yield without a struggle, no one knows until the contest closes who is first.

Maine colts bear off their share of the honors, and, as we predicted, attracted the lion's share of attention. The *Boston Herald* says of one: "Nelson is the greatest stallion alive, taking into consideration the fact that since he was three years old he has covered more than 130 mares, 50 of that number being this year."

The races for the first day we gave in our last issue. On Wednesday were witnessed the following contests:

SUMMARY.

Postponed race of 2.40 class, for purse of $500; mile heats, best 3 in 5, to harness.

W A Skinner, ns b m Bessie	2	7	5	1	3	2	1	1
Wilbrook Farm, ns br s Wilmar	1	5	6	4	1	3	2	2
N T Dore, ns b s Lothair, Jr	7	1	2	3	4	1	3	3
A Woodard, ns br m Mary Kent	4	2	1	2	2	4	4	4
J H Nay, Readville, ns br m Muriel	5	4	3	5	5	5	dr	
B F Wilkins ns b g Gratz	6	6	7	6	dr			
Charles Yapp, ns b g Fred S	3	3	4	dr				
J H Richardson, ns b g Wentworth	8	8	8	dis				

	Time—Quar.	Half.	Mile.
1st heat	36½	1.13	2.31½
2d "	37¼	1.14	2.32¼
3d "	37	1.14¼	2.31¼
4th "	36¾	1.13½	2.31½
5th "	37	1.14	2.31¾
6th "	37½	1.15	2.34¼
7th "	36	1.13	2.32½
8th "	38	1.16½	2.37

SUMMARY.

Same day and track, stake No. 2, for foals of 1885, New England bred; value $387.50; mile heats, best 3 in 5 to harness.

Lester Fish, ns blk g R F D	1	1	1
C M Gilman, ns b c Nimbus	2	2	2
C E Mosher, ns blk s Owasia	3	4	3
E J McHale, ns blk s Comet	5	3	5
J R Graham, ns blk f Myrtleleaf	4	5	4

	Time—Quar.	Half.	Mile.
1st heat	38¼	1.17	2.41½
2d "	39	1.16	2.39¾
3d "	38¾	1.15	2.39¼

Thursday brought out the 2.30 horses to finish the race commenced Wednesday.

SUMMARY.

Finish of 2.30 class, left over from previous day, for purse of $300; mile heats, best 3 in 5, to harness; nine nominations.

E D Wiggin, ns b s Charley Wilkes	1	2	3	1
A Johnson, ns b g Edgecliff	3	1	2	4
J H Richardson, ns b m Carrie T	4	7	1	2
Daniel Bigley, ns blk m Kitty Y	2	5	7	7
A Woodard, ns blk g Rex	6	3	5	3
E F Lawrence ns br s Lawrence	5	6	4	5
S H Rundle, ns br s Quartermaster	7	4	6	6
L H Brown, ns b m Sister Rolf	dis			

	Time—Quar.	Half.	Mile.
1st heat	36¾	1.10¾	2.26¾
2d "	37	1.13½	2.30½
3d "	36¼	1.11½	2.26¾
4th "	36¾	1.12½	2.29½

Darkness necessitated a second postponement to Friday, when Charlie Wilkes won the heat and race, time 2.25½.

The colt stakes, offered for New England bred two years old, was trotted for Friday, and was won by A. H. Gilbert's gray filly Albagetta (by Alcantara, 2.23, out of Lady Daggett 2.36); time 2.35, 2.31¾, the field being distanced. This beats the best two-year-old record ever made in New England by 9¾ seconds.

The four-year-old stake was won by Haldane in straight heats; time 2.30, 2.26¼, 2.29½.

Comrade who started in this race was distanced the second heat, while Elmbrook did not start.

Stake No. 4, which was for five-year-olds wherever bred, was also a walkover, Nelson being the only stallion to show up. It was announced that he would go the mile required to win the stakes, after which he would be sent a fast exhibition mile. The first mile, which he covered in 2.31¼, only served to warm him up, and he started in to show the people what he could do in the way of fast work. He went to the quarter without a skip and without any apparent great exertion in 33¼, a 2.13 gait, and the second quarter in 33½ seconds. On the last half he slowed up a little and came under the wire in 2.22¼.

It was currently reported that Massachusetts parties were trying to purchase Nelson, offering as high as $30,000 for him. No one who saw him doubted his ability to cover a mile inside of 2.15, while many thought him fully equal to the task of wiping out the present stallion record of America. At all events he is a marvel of horseflesh, and one that should be fully patronized by Maine breeders while he remains in the State. The performance of Aubine was also the cause of much comment, as she won so easily and with such reserve of power, while Harebell and Noblesse both received a large share of attention.

It will be seen that Carrie T. lowers her record to 2.26¼ in the hotly contested 2.30 class, thus adding honors to Maine bred horses.

The total number of stallions on exhibition, from yearlings up, was 112 by actual count. Perhaps the horse that attracted the most attention in the exhibition was Comrade, the largest two-year-old in New England, bred and owned by Chas. Gilman, Waterville. He stands 16½ hands high and weighs 1200 pounds. Comrade was sired by Gideon, dam Norton's Hambletonian, grand-dam Fanny Knox (dam of Bay, 2.27), by Gen Knox. T. Gilman of Brooklyn, N. Y., offers to match him in a race against any colt of his age and weight for $1000. A good feature in the display of stallions was the method adopted of exhibiting them singly in front of the grand stand while the supt. announced their name and the leading points of their breeding. It proved so helpful to thousands, that other Associations will doubtless adopt the method.

The good work accomplished by this meeting will not be fully realized for months. The impetus to breeding the choicer strains will be evident another year and thus practical results be seen on every hand. The exhibition which will doubtless be held next year will be more fully attended and with larger fields of horses and colts, closer contests will be seen and the value of New England stock more and more appreciated.

A FIGHT FOR PROHIBITION. One of the most memorable elections ever held in the State of Tennessee, took place on Thursday, the issue being the prohibition of the infamous liquor traffic. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union took a leading part in the contest. The day before election, as well as on the day of election, the streets of the large places were thronged. Hundreds of men, women and children wore white prohibition badges, while hundreds of people displayed blue anti-prohibition badges. At Nashville, kegs of beer were distributed in the various wards by the "antis" Wednesday night. An all night prayer meeting was begun and continued till the polls closed. The ladies were engaged all day Wednesday in the distribution of badges, mottoes, Scriptural texts and leaflets, and detailing certain of their number to go to wards and outlying districts that needed aid. As the election went on Thursday, men were astonished at the presence of ladies at the polls, working and pleading for the amendment. Lunches and hot coffee were served at all the polling places. Whenever a man presented himself to vote the "anti" ticket, he was surrounded by ladies who argued with him, prayed for him, and stormed at him with sacred songs. The voters showed universal respect for the ladies. At every polling booth in Chattanooga, there was a lavish display of banners, bearing such mottoes as: *Vote for God, Home and Tennessee to-day; Vote for Mother, Wife and Sisters,—They have no defence save your ballot; The Women and Children of Tennessee appeal to the Manhood of the State.* The ladies were everywhere treated with respect. During the morning, prayer meetings were held at the churches. In Athens, when the votes counted, showing a majority of 120 for prohibition, all the ward workers bowed their heads and sang the Doxology. Of course no sane man expected that the measure would be carried this time. It is defeated by some 20,000 majority.

MAINE RELIGIOUS NEWS. Roswell T. Hack, a graduate of the last class of the Bangor Theological Seminary, was ordained as minister, Friday, and installed over the North Congregational church in Belfast. The sermon was preached by Prof. L. F. Stearns of Bangor.——The Gardiner Universalist church and society have voted unanimously to extend a call to Rev. Mr. Gledhill to preach another year. The society is in a prosperous condition.——The Baptist church at Milo has begun work on its new meeting house.——Mr. Frederick G. Chutter formerly of Waterville, was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational church at Littleton, N. H.——Rev. J. H. Little of Skowhegan Universalist church, has resigned his charge.——The legacy of eighteen thousand dollars left by Abner Coburn to the First Baptist church of Skowhegan was paid over last week, with some five hundred dollars interest. This sum with previous endowments gives the church a secure financial standing.——Wm. J. Skelton was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Congregational church at West Brooksville, recently.——The annual conference of the Unitarian churches of Maine is in session at the School street Unitarian church in Saco. The session opened Tuesday evening with a sermon by Rev. G. M. Bodge of East Boston, who preached from the text of Rev. 21, 25. His discourse was upon "The ways of life for our Unitarian church." The attendance was large considering the stormy weather which attended the opening of the conference.——Rev. L. H. Merrill, assistant rector of Trinity church, Saco, and Christ church, Biddeford, has accepted a call to the parishes of the Episcopal churches of Sherman and Winn. He will begin his labors there next week.

We have received from G. P. Putnam's Sons, West street, New York city, the following new books: "The Revolution in Tanner's Lane," by Mark Rutherford, edited by his friend, Reuben Shapcott. A story of absorbing interest. "Bodyke, a chapter of the History of Irish Landlordism," by Henry Norman, being one of the series of "Questions of the Day." "A Vacation in a Buggy," by Marie Louise Pool. This narration first opened in a series of letters in the *New York Evening Post* These books may all be had of our local dealers.

Maine Agricultural News.

—The annual fair of the North Knox Agricultural and Horticultural Society will be held at Union Common Oct. 11, 12 and 13.

—Officers elect of Excelsior Pomona Grange of Franklin county:

M.—D. D. Graffam.
O.—J. O. Kyes.
Lect.—R. P. Thompson.
S.—H. G. Staples.
A. S.—E. Dill.
Chap.—J. W. Butterfield.
Treas.—D. H. Knowlton.
Sec.—M. L. R. Purington.
G. K.—J. F. Nile.
C.—Sarah Graffam.
P.—Mrs. Andrew Norton.
F.—Mrs. R. P. Thompson.
L. A. S.—Minnie B. Averill.

—The *Republican*, at Caribou, Aroostook, says: Potatoes are coming into market quite plenty. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16th and 17th, 3000 bbls. were taken in at our potato houses. Last Saturday, a little over 1000 bbls. were brought to market. Price paid Saturday, $1.70 to $1.75 per bbl. The starch factories are not getting many potatoes, although they are paying good prices. The quality of those sold at the factory is poor, and they produce but little starch.

—The officers of Monmouth Farmers' and Mechanics' Club have decided to hold their cattle show and fair Wednesday, Oct. 12. Officers are as follows: President, David Marsh; Vice President, L. C. Berry; Treasurer, J. M. Ginn; Secretary, R. G. Clough; Assistant Secretaries, C. C. Richmond, Wm. Hathaway.

—L. S. Ellis of Stockton Grange invited the Grange to partake of a clambake, and last Wednesday some eighty Grangers and a few invited guests repaired to the place of entertainment. Mr. Ellis understands how to make a clambake appetizing and enjoyable, and about 2 o'clock P. M., it was announced that the clams were done to a nicety. The contents of the lunch baskets were soon arranged on the tables, prepared for that purpose, and the way the huge piles of delicious clams and other viands disappeared before the hungry crowd was magical. The company was well pleased with their fine entertainment, and a unanimous vote of thanks was given Mr. Ellis and wife for their courtesies and good arrangements for the pleasure of the company. The company was jubilant when it was announced that this would not be the last clam bake. The day was pleasantly enjoyed, and all went home feeling happy.

—Dealers do not care to pay more than $10 or $12 a ton for the best new hay.

—The Monmouth's annual cattle show and fair will be held Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1887. An invitation has been extended to the citizens of Wales to join with us.

R. G. CLOUGH, Sec.

—T. L. Eastman's corn factory at Fryeburg has put up 225,000 cans, and the Portland Packing Co., 219,000 cans.

—Waldo County Grange met with Ritchie Grange, Waldo, Oct. 1st; meeting called to order at the usual hour by Worthy Master. Although the weather looked threatening the hall was well filled with patrons. Delegates from twelve Granges responded to the roll-call. After the opening exercises, remarks were made upon the Whitehead meeting, by Bros. Bowen, Ritchie and Ellis. The 5th degree was conferred upon six patrons. Noon recess. Meeting again called to order, and proceeded to the election and installation of officers for the ensuing year. Elected:

Master—D. O. Bowen.
Overseer—J. G. Harding.
Lecturer—A. I. Brown.
Steward—M. M. Clement.
Assistant Steward—M. E. Harriman.
Chaplain—Geo. Ritchie.
Treasurer—Chas. Bellows.
Secretary—Mrs. L. M. Bellows.
Gate Keeper—J. Gordon.
Pomona—Mrs. J. G. Harding.
Flora—Mrs. A. I. Brown.
Ceres—Mrs. Gracie Bowen.
L. A. S.—Mrs. Horace Barker.

Bro. F. W. Ritchie was chosen installing officer, after which he made some appropriate remarks. Sister Dyer favored us with a song. Remarks were also made by Sisters Ritchie and Nickerson. Com. on time place and programme reported; time, Oct. 25th; place, Northern Light, Monroe. Programme: 1st, Opening exercises; 2d, Report of Granges; 3d, Conferring of 5th degree; 4th, Noon recess; 5th, Declamation by Frank Doliff; 6th, Select reading by Fannie Downs; 7th, Essay by Martha Nickerson; 8th, Question, Resolved, That the Morrison bill, had it passed Congress, would have been a great damage to the farmers of the nation? Aff., F. W. Ritchie; Neg., I. Burns. 9th, Sisters' question, Are children as comfortably clothed now as twenty-five years ago? Answered by Sister S. Ellis and others. 10th, Song by Sister Dyer. Music will be furnished by Northern Light Grange. A vote of thanks extended to Ritchie Grange for courtesies. Am indebted to Bro. Levenseller for this report.

L. M. BELLOWS, *Sec'y.*

THE EXPERIMENT STATION. The managers of the Experiment Station met Friday for the purpose of transferring the property and unexpended money belonging to the Station, over to the College, in accordance with the act of the legislature passed last winter, abolishing the station on and after Oct. 1st, and transferring all its effects to the College. This action was taken on the supposition that the government appropriation provided for in the Hatch bill would be available at that time. The State law takes effect, but the provisions of the Hatch bill are not yet realized on account of an oversight in Congress not making the needed appropriation. The cost value of the property of the Station transferred to the College at the meeting was $1,711.46, and the cash in the treasury of the Station was $105.77. There still remains in the hands of State Treasurer Burleigh $1,215.99 of the appropriation of the year for the Station, which by the terms of the law will be turned over by the State Treasurer to the College. President Fernald of the College, and Prof. Jordan, Director of the Station, will go to Washington on the 18th of this month to meet representatives of experiment stations in different parts of the country, and consult with them concerning the matter of the appropriation contemplated by the Hatch bill. The work of the quarter will go on without interruption at the Station, the same force continuing the work, and at the expiration of the year there will be about $500 of unexpended funds which will remain in the treasury of the College. At the end of the year Prof. Jordan will make his report, entirely covering the now uncompleted work of the Station. Everything at the Station is running smoothly and successfully, and the results obtained from the work being done there are most encouraging.

A BOY CRIMINAL—A SAD CONFESSION. The detectives have succeeded in capturing the incendiary who set fire to the buildings of Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro. The matter has been successfully worked up by Detective Ira M. True of Portland, who, on Friday last, in Brockton, Mass., arrested George A. Harrington, a boy 15 years of age, who has made a full and free confession that he committed the crime. He was a student at the school, and did the deed for revenge. His confession is as follows:

"My name is George A. Harrington, and I was fifteen years old the 4th day of August last; the only near relatives I have are my mother and three sisters, my father having died a year ago; I have attended Oak Grove Seminary for one year only, and will say that I like the teachers but dislike their methods of instruction; at the first term I attended I got along very well, but in the latter part of my course I was set back in my studies, and from that time until I set the fire I was determined to have revenge; so, on the night of August 31st, I arose from my bed and with a bundle of rags started for the basement; I was simply attired in my night clothes and had to do the job quickly; the rags I placed in a good position, and at once lighted them; the job was a success as the reports have before shown; I also fired the gymnasium in a similar manner, and accomplished my desires that time."

Harrington was brought to this city, and lodged in Kennebec jail, where he will remain until the December term of court. He is a bright looking boy, but seems to be utterly oblivious to the enormity of the crime which he has committed. His case seems to be pitiable indeed—a boy of fifteen committing a crime that will send him to State Prison for life. The people of Vassalboro are relieved of the horrible suspicion that parties in their vicinity set the fire.

The many remarkable cures Hood's Sarsaparilla accomplishes are sufficient proof that it does possess peculiar curative powers.

Kennebec County Agricultural Fair.

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an inbred Knox, passed by because not shown by the side of dam.

Working horses—O Graves, Wayne, 1st; work horse, J P Bradley, Mt Vernon, 1st.

CATTLE.

Durhams and Grades—Full bloods, Elijah Wadsworth, Livermore Falls, 1st on bull, 1st and 2d on cows, heifers and yearlings. Grades, J N Fogg, Readfield, 1st and 2d on cows; Fred M Webber, Mt Vernon, 1st on 2-year-old; D S Clifford, Mt Vernon, 2d; R & G A Russell, Readfield, 1st on yearlings.

Grade Ayrshires—J E Davis, Readfield, 1st on cow. G. E Gray, Winthrop, 1st on 2-year-old. J N Fogg, 2d.

Herefords—Bull, Gilbert Underwood, Fayette, 1st; M M Bailey, Winthrop, 2d. Bull calf, A G Underwood, Fayette, 1st; M M Bailey, 2d. Cow, Gilbert Underwood, 1st; A G Underwood, 2d. 2-year-old heifer, same, 1st; same, 2d. 1-year-old, M M Bailey, 1st and 2d. Heifer calf, same, 1st; Gilbert Underwood, 2d.

Grades—Cow, Amos Parker, Fayette, 1st; L K Stevens, Belgrade, 2d. 2-year-old heifer, L K Stevens, 1st; Amos Parker, 2d. 1-year-old, C K Page, 1st; L K Stevens, 2d. Heifer calf, S & W F Packard, 1st; Sherman Webber, Mt Vernon, 2d.

Special premium offered by Hon D H Thing, Mt Vernon, for best heifer calf or yearling exhibited by boy or girl 15 years old or under. The committee made the award to C K Page, 1st; S & W F Packard, 2d.

Special for best herd of grades, offered by Hon J H Manley, Augusta, D F Austin, Readfield, was awrded 1st; Amos Parker, Fayette, 2d, on a fine lot of grade stock.

Jerseys—Full bloods, bulls, R & G A Russell, Readfield, 1st; E W Wentworth, 2d. Bull calves, Mrs M L Robbins, Winthrop, 1st. Cows, same, 1st; M F Norcross, 2d. 2-year-olds, Mrs Robbins, 1st; D S Clifford, 2d. 1-year-olds, M F Norcross, 1st; B F Cook, Readfield, 2d. Calves, M F Norcross, 1st and 2d.

Grades—Cows, Mrs Robbins, 1st; Dolley & Folsom, 2d. 2-year-olds, Mrs Robbins, 1st; B F Maxim, 2d. Yearlings, S W Giles. Calves, A H Wilson, Readfield, 1st; B F Maxim, 2d.

Herds—M F Norcross, 1st; Mrs Robbins, 2d; Gilbert Underwood, 3d; M M Bailey, 4th.

Working oxen—5 years old and over, J B Gordon, Wayne, 1st; T M Weston, Kent's Hill, 2d; John Hubbard, 3d; S G Fogg, 4th. 4 years old, Samuel Cunningham, Kent's Hill, 1st; E A Robinson, 2d; R & G A Russell, 3d; F L Hopkins, Mt Vernon, 4th. 3-year-olds, A C Dudley, Belgrade, 1st; Almon Smith, Mt Vernon, 2d; T J Townsend, Readfield, 3d.

Matched oxen—M M Bailey, 1st; G H Bumford, Fayette, 2d; C W Wells, Mt Vernon, 3d. 3 years old, G M Lane, Readfield, 1st; Elijah Wadsworth, 2d. 2 years old, G W Billings, Fayette, 1st; D S Newton, Mt Vernon, 2d. 1 year old, Bert Taylor, 1st; Gilbert Underwood, 2d.

Steer calves—Chas French, 1st; N C Weston, Manchester, 2d.

Beef oxen—E H Kent, Fayette, 1st; M M Bailey, 2d. Cow, Gilbert Underwood, 1st; M M Bailey, 2d; special premium offered by a practical farmer for fattest steer under 24 mos., M T Jones, Fayette, 1st, 2d; Gilbert Underwood, 3d.

Best yoke steers—2 yrs old, F H Bodge, Fayette, 1st; D S Newton, Mt Vernon, 2d; D F Austin, 3d. 1 yr. olds, M T Jones, Fayette, 1st; Bert Taylor, Belgrade, 2d; F H Bodge, Fayette, 3d.

Calves—T W Hewitt, Fayette, 1st; Chas A French, Mt Vernon, 2d; John Record, Ea Livermore, 3d.

Ox town teams—Fayette, 10 largest prs, averaged 7 ft, 4 in, 1st; Mt Vernon, 10 prs, 7 ft, 2 in, 2d; Readfield, 10 prs, 7 ft, 2 in, 3d.

SHEEP.

Fine wool buck—Lewis H Blake, Mt Vernon, 1st. Ewes, H H Pulsifer, 1st. Coarse wool bucks, J Jacobs, Mt Vernon, 1st; E W Williams, Readfield, 2d; A D King, Winthrop, 3d. Coarse wool ewes, E W Williams, 1st; F D Harris, Mt Vernon, 2d; Geo Palmer, Wayne, 3d.

SWINE.

Boar—W B Frost, Wayne, 1st; B F Maxim, 2d. Breeding sows, white, H O Nickerson, Readfield, 1st; J W Williams, Readfield, 2d. Black, B F Maxim, 1st, 2d. Best litter pigs, E W Wentworth, Winthrop, 1st; J W Williams, 2d.

MANUFACTURED IMPLEMENTS.

B F Harriman, Kent's Hill, 1st, for display; Daniel Newton, Mt Vernon, 1st on ox-yokes; Geo Keith, Fayette, 1st on garden seed sower.

POULTRY.

Plymouth Rocks—fowl, H L Hunton, Readfield, 1st; Mrs S G Fogg, Readfield, 2d. Chicks, H L Hunton, 1st; Mrs S G Fogg, 2d.

White P. Rock—fowl, H L Hunton, 1st. Chicks, H L Hunton, 1st; A H Wilson, 2d.

Light Brahmas—fowl, C S Burgess, Fayette, 1st. Chicks, L E Hunton, Readfield, 1st.

Wyandotte—fowl, H L Hunton, 1st; Mrs D W White, Ea Winthrop, 2d. Chicks, Chas A French, Fayette, 1st; H L Hunton, 2d.

White Leghorns—fowl, E W Macomber, Winthrop, 1st, 2d. Chicks, same, 1st; Walter A Nickerson, Readfield, 2d.

Brown Leghorn—fowl and chicks, Mrs D W White, 1st, each.

Turkeys—J W Williams, Readfield, 1st.

Brown China Geese, old and young—Davis S Clifford, 1st.

Embden—Mrs A Harris, 1st.

Pekin Ducks—Ellis A White, Ea Winthrop, 1st; Geo A Coleman, Readfield, 2d; E W Macomber's special on best pair White Leghorn chicks, was awarded to Walter A Nickerson, Readfield.

FRUIT.

Best display all kinds—1st, J O Butman, Readfield; 2d, C M Weston, Belgrade; 3d, H G Fairbanks, No Monmouth, 4th, Dr H P Torsey, Kent's Hill.

Winter apples—1st, H G Fairbanks; 2d, S E Packard, Winthrop; 3d, F L Hopkins, Mt Vernon; 4th, H T Leach, Monmouth.

Fall apples—1st, H G Fairbanks; 2d, C M Weston; 3d, H P Torsey; 4th, J O Butman.

Baldwins—1st, B F Maxim, Wayne. Pearmains, H G Fairbanks; Fameuse, Arthur S Nickerson, Readfield; Franklin Sweets, C M Weston; Hub. Nonesuch, H L Leach, Monmouth; Nodhead, E E Robinson, Mt Vernon; Kings, H G Fairbanks; Northern Spy, H G Fairbanks; Porters, S E Packard, Winthrop; R I Greenings, J O Butman; Roxbury Russet, H T Leach; Tallman Sweets, H G Fairbanks; Winthrop Greenings, B F Maxim; Yellow Bellflower, J O Butman; Crab apples, H G Fairbanks.

Pears—1st, C M Weston; 2d, Walter L Keith; 3d, J O Butman; 4th, A S Nickerson. Dish of pears, C M Weston, Display of grapes, 1st, J P Johnson, Readfield; 2d, M V B Dudley, Readfield; 3d, J O Butman; 4th, C A Robbins, Winthrop.

Cranberries—1st, B F Butler, Mt Vernon; 2d, B F Maxim, Wayne.

Plums—1st, C Adelbert Stanton, Winthrop; 2d, H G Fairbanks, No Monmouth.

Hon. Elliot Wood's special was awarded, 1st, Walter L Keith, Winthrop; 2d, W D Maxim, Wayne; 3d, C Albert Robbins.

FLOWERS.

Bouquet cultivated—1st, Mrs D W Haines, Readfield; 2d, Mrs Chas Stanley, Winthrop; 3d, M W Fish, Mt Vernon. Bouquet wild, 1st, Miss N E Hunton, Readfield; 2d, Mrs W D Earle, Kent's Hill; 3d, Mrs L F Gile, Readfield. Stand choice plants, 1st, Mrs Chas French, Mt Vernon; 2d, W H Fuller, Readfield; 3d, Miss Emma Johnson. Floral design, 1st, Mrs W H Fuller; 2d and 3d, Miss N E Hunton. Pansies, Mrs W H Fuller; 2d, Mrs Chas Stanley; 3d, Miss Emily Stevens, Mt Vernon. Verbenas, 1st, Mrs W H Fuller; 2d, Miss Cora Stanley, Winthrop; 3d, Miss N E Hunton. Gladiolus, 1st, Miss Emma Johnson; 2d, Mrs H O Nickerson, Readfield; 3d, Mrs W H Fuller. Dahlias, 1st, Mrs Chas Stanley; 2d, Mrs H O Nickerson; 3d, Mrs B V Crane, Fayette; Sweet Peas, Mrs W D Earle; 2d, Miss N E Hunton; 3d, Mrs W H Fuller. Phlox, 1st, Mrs Chas Stanley; 2d, Mrs W H Fuller; 3d, Mrs L French, Mt Vernon. Cut flowers, 1st, Mrs Chas Stanley; 2d, Miss Emma Johnson; 3d, Miss M E Austin; with special mention of those exhibited by Mrs D W Haines.

HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURES.

Fulled cloth—1st, G G Bartlett, Belgrade; 2d, Mrs C C Berry, Vienna. Cotton and wool flannel, 1st, Mrs Susan Sanborn, Mt Vernon. Domestic carpeting, 1st, Mrs J Henry Moore, Winthrop; 2d, Mrs H H Pulsifer, Wayne; 3d, Miss E F Johnson, Readfield. Drawn hearth-rug, 1st, Annie Pulsifer, Wayne; 2d, Mrs A A Tuttle, Fayette; 3d, Mrs L P Maxim, Wayne. Braided rug, 1st, Mrs F Hoyt, Winthrop; 2d, Mrs J E Brainard, Winthrop; 3d, Mrs Estelle Dudley, Mt Vernon. Fancy rug, 1st, Mrs B P Winslow, Manchester; 2d, Nellie Butler, Mt Vernon; 3d, Mrs Estelle Dudley, Mt Vernon. Patchwork quilt, 1st, Mrs H C Robinson; 2d, Mrs H E Trefethern, Kent's Hill, Silk quilt, 1st, Miss Sadie B Currier, Hallowell; 2d, Mrs E H Kent, Fayette; 3d, Miss Nellie Butler. Winter Comforter, 1st, Mrs Peter Folsom, Mt Vernon; 2d, Georgie Hutchinson, Mt Vernon; 3d, Mrs E S Gordon, Fayette. Plain sewing, 1st, Nettie Belle Stevens, Readfield; 2d, Minnie Laughton, Winthrop; 3d, Florence Creasey, Mt Vernon. Knit edging, 1st, Grace Giles, Readfield; 2d, Minnie Laughton, Winthrop. Crochet edging, 1st, Myrtie Dolloff, Mt Vernon; 2d, Annie Pulsifer, Wayne; 3d, Abbie M Soule, Mt Vernon. Darning, 1st, Minnie Laughton. Woolen yarn, 1st, Mrs Mark Gilman, Mt Vernon; 2d, Mrs Peter Folsom, Mt Vernon. Double mittens, Mrs Cyrus Roberts, Readfield; 2d, Mrs A F Williams, Mt Vernon. Children's mittens, 1st, Mrs Cyrus Roberts, Readfield. Men's woolen hose, Mrs Hollis Bickford, Mt Vernon; 2d, Mrs Granville Hubbard, Fayette. Women's woolen hose, 1st, Mrs A F Williams, Mt Vernon; 2d, Miss Nellie Hubbard, Fayette. Hood, by girls under 16 years, 1st, Miss Mary A Clough, Readfield; 2d, Miss Emma L Stevens, No Fayette. Men's cotton hose, 1st, Mrs Peter Folsom, Mt Vernon. Worsted scarf, 1st, Mrs Fred C Dolloff. Afghans, 1st, Mrs E H Kent, Fayette; 2d, Miss Annie L Weston; 3d, Mrs Ora Mc G Bean, Hallowell.

Preserves, canned fruit, etc—Preserves, 1st, Mrs J O Butman, Readfield; 2d, Mrs C L Burgess, Fayette. Canned fruit, 1st, Mrs C M Stevens, Wayne; 2d, Mrs F L Gordon, Readfield; 3d, Mrs O E Stevens, Fayette. Jellies, 1st, Mrs J O Butman; 2d, Mrs C A Mace, Readfield; 3d, Mrs A W Brainard, Readfield. Pickles, 1st, Miss Rula Norcross, Winthrop; 2d, Mrs A W Brainard; 3d, Mrs O E Stevens, Fayette. Honey, 1st, Nellie B Cram, Fayette; Maple syrup, 1st, Mrs Geo Lord, Vienna; 2d, Mrs J H Henderson, Readfield; 3d, Mrs H O Nickerson, Readfield.

GARDEN VEGETABLES.

Seed corn—8 rows, 1st, G W Williams, Readfield; 2d, John Hubbard, Fayette; 3d, L K Stevens, No Belgrade; 4th, S O Elliott, Readfield. Seed corn, 12 rows, 1st, M V Dudley, Readfield; 2d, W B Frost, Wayne; 3d, J H Wing, Fayette; 4th, Cyrus Roberts, Readfield. Seed sweet corn, 1st, B W Sylvester, Wayne; 2d, M F Norcross, Winthrop; 3d, D O Gordon, Fayette; 4th, F L Gordon, Readfield. Pop corn, 1st, A F Stewart, Fayette; 2d, L K Stevens, No Belgrade. Potatoes, 1st, Alfred Tuttle, E Livermore; 2d, J O Tuck, Fayette. Onions, 1st, E H Leavitt, E Winthrop; 2d, B F Butler, Mt Vernon. Pumpkins, 1st, W D Jose Readfield; 2d, J M Pike, Wayne. Squash, 1st, C L Burgess, Fayette; 2d, H T Leach, Monmouth. Garden seeds, 1st, M F Norcross.

Butter—1st, Mrs J A Wing, Fayette; 2d, L F Gile, Readfield; 3d, Mrs S G Fogg, Readfield; 4th, Mrs Ernest Pearl, Mt Vernon; 5th, Mrs Geo E Gray, Winthrop. By girls under 18, 1st, Miss Maggie Robbins, Winthrop; 2d, Miss Hattie C French, Mt Vernon, 3d, Olive L Robbins Winthrop. Bread, flour, 1st, Mrs E H Kent, Fayette; 2d, Mrs E F Johnson, Readfield. Graham bread, 1st, Mrs M L Robbins, Winthrop; 2d, Mrs J H Moore, Winthrop. Brown bread, 1st, Mrs Cyrus Roberts, Readfield; 2d, Mrs M T Jones, Fayette; special premium offered by H O Nickerson, for best loaf bread made and exhibited by a girl or boy 12 years old, or less, 1st, Master Eddie Laughton, Winthrop. Cheese, 1st, L D French, Mt Vernon; 2d, Mrs Augustus Thomas, Mt Vernon; 3d, Mrs B B Dudley, Mt Vernon; 4th, Mrs Fremont Davis, Mt Vernon; 5th, Mrs G H Bamford, Fayette. Green cheese, 1st, Mrs L D French, Mt Vernon; 2d, Mrs C H Bamford, Fayette; 3d, Mrs B B Dudley, Mt Vernon; 4th, Mrs Cyrus Roberts, Readfield; 5th, Mrs Gilman Hawes. Readfield Factory cheese, 1st, Readfield Factory; special offered by M T Jones, Fayette, for best exhibition made and presented by a girl 18 years, or less, 1st, Miss Sarah Knox, Fayette; 2d to Miss Knox.

GRANGE EXHIBITION.

1st, Readfield Grange, Readfield; 2d, Starling Grange, Fayette.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Design of Everlastings—1st, Mrs F Hoyt, Winthrop. Knit slippers, Mrs Gilman Hawes, Readfield. Case stuffed birds, 1st, Mrs E W Lewis, Readfield. Fancy Poultry yard, 1st, Miss Dora Morton; 2d, Miss Clyde Haines, Readfield. Four-horned sheep claims 1st, W D Maxim, Wayne. Butter in fancy forms, 1st, J Henry Moore, Winthrop. Hand woven towels, sheets, etc, 1st, Mrs J A Berry, Fayette. Hair wreath, 1st, Mrs E H Kent, Fayette. Wall banner, 1st, Mrs Peter Folsom, Mt Vernon. Corner bracket, 1st, Mary D Wells, Mt Vernon. Bureau scarf, 1st, Miss Nettie Berry, E Livermore. Handkerchief case, 1st, Miss Nellie Butler, Mt Vernon. Fancy basket, 1st, Mrs R J Norcross, Winthrop.

Nothing could have been named that would have attracted the interest, or held the attention of a crowd, as did the baby show. Babies must be a scarce commodity in Kennebec, if one may judge by the calls made by the hungry faced men and women for directions as to where the little bundles of humanity were to be found. Had the greatest curiosities from far away countries been brought in they could not have held the attention as did the little ones. The first floor of the large hall was selected as the place for the mature deliberations of the expert and the exhibition of the babies. This room will hold perhaps four hundred, but every one there declared that over two thousand were present. Hats and bonnets were crushed and beautiful toilets disarranged, yet every one was happy. Dr. W. B. Lapham of Augusta, acted as judge, and very carefully considered the claims of the eight candidates for the honors. By what system of judging he arrived at his decision we know not, but the large majority approved the awards, while they crowded and jammed and squeezed to see the exhibition. The whole number were fine looking and each had its friends. If another baby show is attempted, some larger building will be necessary to accommodate the babies and the crowd. Nothing will draw like a baby show. The awards were: 1st, Lera Ida Hanson, Augusta; 2d, Fannie Kendall Putman, Winthrop.

The exhibition of driving, by Walter D. Maxim, Wayne, 8 years old, was very fine. Hitched to a sulky was a yearling colt, which he handled as fearlessly and drove around the track as easily as though it had been an old farm horse.

Before another year passes stalls will be erected to accommodate the horses, or a portion of them, as the trustees are determined to supply the needs as fast as the funds will admit. The receipts will exceed last year by about five hundred dollars, which must be gratifying to all interested in the success of Kennebec Agricultural Society.

We would acknowledge our obligations to the officers for assistance rendered, and especially to the hard working and efficient secretary and his assistants. No one, unless it be a newspaper man, realizes the amount of hard work that falls upon the secretary who strives to do his duty. No other officer is taxed as he, and not the least of the trials is the time and attention that must be given to enable the corps of reporters to make a complete report.

City News.

—Out-of-door plants have required blanketing.

—Rev. Dr. Penney has arrived safely in Oakland, California.

—The total number of pupils in the grammar school building is 450.

—Hon. Samuel Titcomb shows a great curiosity in producing apples of the yield of 1886 and 1887, from the same tree.

—The Universalist State Sunday School convention is in session this week. Report in our next.

—Nice new steps are being made by the veteran carpenter, Mr. Charles Lothrop, on the walk leading to the rear entrance of the State House.

—A choral society has been formed in this city, with Mr. C. B. Johnson, President and Director, and Mr. Levi Williams, Secretary and Treasurer.

—Levi Rhoderick, who sued the Bangs Bros. to recover $3,500 for the loss of the fingers of one of his hands in a machine at the defendants' mill last winter, Tuesday withdrew his cause from Superior court, being unable to make out a case.

—Just now when the cold weather begins and wood fires are used for heating houses, is the time to examine closely and see if chimneys are safe. Defective chimneys are the cause given for many fires in dwellings.

—Rev. Mr. Pentecost, of New York, the noted evangelist, will soon be called to labor in union service with the churches of the city. He is an eloquent preacher, and has the confidence and respect of people everywhere.

—The Maine Central R. R. Company, always on the alert to improve their property, have in contemplation some radical improvements in this city, on the land from which have been removed the railroad shops.

—On Friday morning, Deputy Sheriff Stevenson and City Marshal Morse, committed to the waters of the Kennebec a large amount of bottled lager beer, the result of a recent seizure. The dry ones thought it a waste of raw material.

—A box containing a man's head, one arm and hand, the ribs and a portion of the backbone, was found, Sunday morning, on Cushnoc heights. It was ascertained to belong to James S. Norton, a medical student at Brunswick. Under the direction of Coroner Libby, the "subject" was buried.

—The grand council of the Maine order of United Friends held its second annual session in this city Tuesday. Representatives were present from three councils. Dr. G. W. Martin, Augusta, was chosen Grand Councillor and Grand Medical Examiner. F. W. Mathews of Augusta, was chosen Grand Prelate.

—Thirty years ago, when the now venerable Russell Eaton sold his interest in the *Maine Farmer*, he gave as a reason that his long continued labors were making inroads upon a naturally strong constitution, and that the time had come for more rest and less work. Mr. Eaton was then but 57 years old, just in the prime of life, and has spent many happy years since.

—Under a misapprehension that there was a fire, the court bell ringing for a session, Friday evening, a general alarm of fire was given, and the department quite generally came out. A sexton of one of the churches had an eye to business, for although he knew what the court house bell was ringing for, he thought he would strike his bell for fire, for he got a dollar every time he did a job of that kind!

—One of the finest houses built in this city, is that being erected by Dr. H. M. Harlow, near the Cony high school house, east side of the river. It is in style of architecture a combination of old Colonial and Queen Anne style, will be heated by steam, plumbed in every part, with all the modern appliances, and will cost some $12,000. It will be ready for occupancy late in the autumn.

—Do all the people understand that the law of the State requires the recording of births? If a full and correct record of the births in our city had been kept, that record would be a most valuable one. And it is probably not generally understood that parents are liable to a fine for neglecting to give notice at the clerk's office of all births in their families, but such is the fact. It is hoped that hereafter the law may be complied with.

—The report that the superstructure of the new post-office was to be built from dark colored granite, from the quarries of Col. I. S. Bangs, at Norridgewock, is denied in the statement that all bids are rejected. It would certainly have been a gross violation of good taste to build upon the pure white granite foundation, a structure of dark granite. It would look something like a little boy dressed in white, with his father's black hat covering his head and resting upon his shoulders. We don't believe the government will allow that to be done.

Kennebec County News.

—The town of Waterville is moving for a shoe factory.

—The young child of Phillip Rotte, a Frenchman of Winthrop, was drowned in a pail of water while at play.

—Mrs Mary T. Erskine, of South China, founder of the Erskine High School, died last week. Her memory will long be cherished by those interested in the school.

—The population of Gardiner and West Gardiner is set down at 4439. Add to that the population of Farmingdale, Randolph, Litchfield, and the eastern part of Richmond, towns that Gardiner has the benefit of in the greatest measure, and it brings the figures up to over 8000.

—Mrs. S. L. Webb of Winthrop, was sitting by an open window, and noticed two men in a pasture a short distance off, each with a gun in his hand. A short time after one of the guns was discharged, and a charge of shot went past her head and landed in the room behind her. It was a narrow escape.

—Burglars attempted to enter the hardware store of C. W. Folsom in Oakland. They broke the cellar window and one pane of glass in the side window and took off an iron staple. They were frightened away before entering and nothing was lost. There have been a number of attempts at burglary at this store before.

—The reunion of the family of the late James Titus took place at the home of H. G. Titus, East Monmouth, recently. The occasion of the gathering was the presence of one of the son's living in Titusville, Washington Territory, who with his wife is visiting his native town after an absence of 38 years. All of the family was present except William, the eldest, who lives in Kansas.

—At a town meeting in Randolph, it was voted 90 to 1 to have the Cobbossee water carried across the river, and the selectmen were instructed to make the contract with the water company. Satisfactory terms were made with the water company. Work of laying the mains in the village will commence at once, but the connection across the river will not be made until the work can be done from the ice in the river.

—Seven weeks ago last Saturday night, Chas. F. Hall of South Gardiner, started in company with a companion whose name he said was Baker, for the Five Islands at the mouth of the Kennebec river for a few days' pleasure, camping out, fishing and gunning. He has not since been heard from, and fears are entertained that he either met with some accident, and was with his companion, drowned on the journey down the river, or that he met with foul play.

—The regular autumn or semi-annual session of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars, of Maine, will be held in the Town Hall in Waterville, on Friday, October 14th. Waterville Lodge will give a reception on the Thursday evening previous to the visitors. The best of arrangements for entertainment of visiting members have been made. The order now has a total membership of 20,000 in over 300 lodges in Maine, and is doing a good educational and temperance work.

—The house, barn, hog-house, and other buildings comprising the residence of A. A. Abbott and his mother, Mrs. Lauretta Abbott, in Winslow, about two miles from China village, were destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon of last week. The fire originated in the barn, and it was well ablaze when discovered. The family succeeded in removing most of the household goods and provisions, but everything in the barn, including twenty tons of hay and straw, twenty-five bushels of grain, double and single harnesses, farming tools, and one hog were burned. The origin of the fire is a mystery. There was not a cent of insurance. Loss $2,000.

—Friday morning, Asbury Blagden, a young man about 18 years of age, residing in Randolph, started with his dog and gun for a day among the small game that abounds in the woods in that vicinity. When near the bridge over Meadow Brook, he met a small boy named Charlie Pottle, a grandson of "Mose" Pottle, a well-known Gardiner character. The two boys stopped at the bridge to rest and talk, when a partridge started up in the woods, a little to the east of the bridge. Young Blagden cocked his gun and stepped out on the end of one of the planks of the bridge to get a better shot, when the plank broke, and he fell forward, the hammer of the gun striking the next plank, discharging the piece. The charge entered Blagden's neck on the right side, passing directly through, and coming out under the left ear, killing him instantly.

"I have taken, within the past year, several bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and find it admirably adapted to the needs of an impoverished system. I am convinced that this preparation, as a blood purifier, is unequaled."—C. C. Dame, Pastor Congregational church, Andover, Me.

Items of Maine News.

Ellsworth is to have a National Bank, the stock having all been subscribed.

Bath dedicated her new water-works on Tuesday, with a grand firemen's muster.

William Murray was on Saturday, appointed postmaster at North Vassalboro, vice J. B. Burges, resigned.

Edwin W. Swett, of Arrowsic, who was severely injured about two weeks ago while tearing down a mill, died Thursday afternoon of his injuries.

The little daughter of David Young of Burnham, swallowed a needle last week, which lodged in her throat and had not been removed at last accounts.

The grand jury in Farmington have indicted Abner Searles and Elijah Locklin, for conspiring against the life of J. Wesley Dunham. Searles pleaded guilty.

Henry Parshley, a twelve year old son of the late William Parshley, of Bath, died Friday from injuries sustained by falling a few days ago at the Richardson's mill, where his stepfather is employed.

There was a big blaze at Damariscotta Mills at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. The Knights of Labor hall, the stores of T. J. York and J. W. Porter were burned. The loss is about $8000.

John Parker Durham of Lewiston, aged 55, was found hanging in his barn Tuesday morning. He leaves a wife and several children. No cause can be assigned for his suicide.

Geo. S. Fogg was instantly killed at Rocky Hill, Saccarappa, Tuesday. He was turning powder into a seam charge, and was standing directly over the hole when it exploded, literally tearing him in pieces.

Maddie Matthews, 21 years old, a French Canadian employed on the Congregational church building at Farmington, fell from a staging Tuesday, a distance of 25 feet, striking on his head and shoulders. It is thought that he is fatally injured.

"Uncle" Elihu Stevens of Smithfield, father of Daniel M., Jos. and Fred, held a reunion of his family in Smithfield last Tuesday. The gentleman will be 100 years old the 26 of January. He is daily seen on the streets of that town.

Chas. Ward has abandoned the black granite quarry which he has been working on Georges River, at So. Thomaston, and has commenced opening a quarry of grey granite on the Hayden lot in the "Keag Woods."

Several cases of diphtheria are reported among the children in Foxcroft. Two of Mr. S. C. Greeley's have been quite ill and on Sunday the little child of Mr. J. F. Carleton was attacked with the disease. Thus far no fatalities have occured.

A boy at East Dover while out hunting partridges recently, saw a strange animal chasing his dog. Although his gun was loaded with fine shot, he stood his ground and shot the animal, which proved to be a wildcat.

The hearing for a change of venue in the Belcher will case was heard in the Supreme Judicial Court at Farmington, last week. Judge Foster ordered the change of venue to Cumberland county, and the case will be tried at Portland at the October term.

Mr. Dobson the owner of the Pioneer Woolen Mills in Pittsfield, is going to build a large extension to his mill, the addition is to be 70x50 feet, and four stories high, which will make this one of the largest woolen mills in that section. Mr. Dobson is also building a large saw mill, which is approaching completion.

News has been received that Mr. Amos Perkins of North Castine, was washed overboard from the schooner John G. Crowell, on the Grand Banks, during a fearful gale and storm on the 27th of Aug. last. Mr. Perkins was over 50 years old and had followed the fishing business about all his life. He leaves a widow and five small children.

In the Supreme Judicial Court at Alfred, Thursday, the suit of Ruth J. Hooper, adm'x, against the Boston & Maine railroad, arising from the accident on the Main street crossing in Biddeford, Nov. 26, last, which resulted in the death of Daniel O. S. Hooper, was decided in favor of the plaintiff. The jury gave a verdict of $4,650.

Some forty acres of shore land in Camden, adjoining Lake City, Megunticook Lake, were sold Thursday, to Camden and Boston parties, for cottage lots and a hotel site. Several town lots overlooking the bay have been sold during the past few weeks, and cottage building is now going on.

Mrs. Agnes H. Spaulding, was appointed postmaster at Isleford, Hancock county, Tuesday, Vice, Miss Agnes Hadlock. The post offices at Forest Station, Washington county, and at Small's Mills, Cumberland county, were discontinued, Tuesday. John S. P. Jones has been appointed postmaster at East Lebanon.

Oliver Reynolds of Fairfield, aged 35, committed suicide Saturday morning, at 5 o'clock, by drowning. He left a note on the table saying his body would be found under the pulp mill bridge. On going there the body was found fastened to the bridge. Reynolds was a steady, industrious man, having charge of the machinery at the pulp mill.

George Larrabee, accused of shooting John Albroo near Northeast Carry on Wednesday, Sept. 21st, was arraigned before Trial Justice Brown in the court house at Dover on Friday. After a protracted investigation, the court adjudged Larrabee probably guilty, and held him in the sum of three thousand dollars, to answer, on the last Tuesday in February next, at the Supreme Judicial Court.

The Piscataquis Woolen Co. at Guilford, is turning out some splendid plaids, on which they are having a big run. They run their mill night and day. The goods are shipped daily to Boston and New York by express. Orders came in so rapidly that they have been obliged to refuse to take any more at present. There are orders enough ahead to keep the mill running two months.

Mr. Shannahan of Portland, contractor for the new pulp mill at Otis Falls, will employ 100 men at North Jay, quarrying granite for the foundation. The barn now standing on the site of the mill will be converted into a boarding house for the workmen. The mill will be built of wood and will be placed in the bed of the river about one hundred feet below the wing dam, which is to be taken out and a bulk head with head gates put in a little below. The Maine Central will begin work immediately on a side track and a coffer dam will be put in.

The valuation of real and personal property of the city of Bangor, liable to taxation for the year 1887, is

Real estate,	$6,771,048
Personal estate,	2,858,872
	$9,629,920
Number of Polls,	4,658
Rate of taxation on 100	$2.50

The above statement represents a gain of over $104,000, in the valuation of the city for the purposes of taxation, as compared with the valuation for the year 1886.

Dr. John W. Nichols of Farmington narrowly escaped death a few days ago. He was writing at home, and glancing up from his paper noticed a bottle lying upon the table and near him labeled "Mrs. Dinsmore's Cough Syrup," and he thoughtlessly picked it up, pulled out the cork and took quite a quantity of the contents of the bottle into his mouth. The bottle, however, contained the strongest ammonia instead of cough syrup. The Doctor's mouth and throat were terribly blistered and the doctor suffered the most intense agony all night, a physician attending him the most of the time. The patient was confined to his bed several days, but is now doing nicely.

The coroner's jury at Richmond find "that Harriet F. Brown came to her death accidentally. While attempting to cross the track of the Maine Central Railroad at Main street in Richmond in front of train No. 64, she was struck by the locomotive and instantly killed. We find that she, Harriet F. Brown, did not use due caution in approaching said M. C. R. R. track; that the employés of said Maine Central railroad seem to have done all in their power to prevent the accident, and are in no way to be blamed. We do not think the Maine Central Railroad Company maintains a sufficient gate at this crossing or at any other crossing in said Richmond, in this respect, that they do not protect the sidewalks."

The State Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union held a three days' session at Auburn, last week, beginning Wednesday. The secretary of the Sabbath School Convention had been requested to inquire as to the use of the temperance lesson in the quarterlies. In answer, Rev. B. P. Snow replied that he has not been able to get statistics to prepare him to report definitely. He reports from one county only, and that of 41 schools. Eleven report regular work, seven occasional use of the lesson, and twenty-three do not use them. The summary is 182 quarterly lessons, 45 temperance concerts, 66 addresses before the school, 2300 children pledged, 13,293 pages of leaflets distributed, 1227 books, 5 temperance societies connected with Sunday schools, 1409 entire number of members, 100 meetings held during the year. There is good interest. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens of Stroudwater; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Sarah C. Lord of Kennebunk; Recording Secretary, Miss Clara M. Farwell of Rockland; Treasurer, Mrs. H. N. Jones, East Winthrop. The resolves passed deplored the lack of observance of the Sabbath and protested against Sunday excursions; recommend the enlarging of juvenile temples and recognized the increasing use of tobacco as a twin evil of intemperance. It recommended a reformatory for women, supports suffrage for women, and pledges its endeavors to keep improper books out of the schools; it recommends a Congressional appropriation to enable the bureau of statistics to secure statistics on intemperance, supported the Blair education bill, appreciated the efforts of Gov. Bodwell to suppress the liquor sale, and endorsed the prohibitory party movement.

Items of General News

Charley Hogan, a trotter, beat the pacer Johnson at Pittsburg, Pa., Saturday, in 2.11¾, 2.13¼, 2.16¾.

Dwight L. Moody began a two weeks' series of revival services at Montreal, Sunday.

Ex-Gov. Alexander H. Holley of Connecticut, died at Lakeville, Sunday morning, aged 83.

Mrs. Parsons, wife of the condemned Chicago anarchist, has been fined $5, and the fine suspended, by Judge Lyon, for circulating anarchist appeals.

George Choate, son of the famous New York lawyer, is seriously ill of brain trouble, the result of injuries from hazing and rushing at Williams College.

Tuesday evening, in the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. Joseph Parker, D. D., of London, pronounced a most glowing and tender eulogy on the late Henry Ward Beecher.

John B. Finch of Nebraska, the temperance lecturer, died suddenly Tuesday evening in the Eastern depot, Boston, while returning from Lynn where he had made an address.

A single highwayman stopped a stage Friday night near Ballinger, Texas, and robbed its eight passengers of about $2,000. In an hour he robbed another stage bound in the opposite direction at the same place.

The new hospital buildings in New York City, the gift of the late William H. Vanderbilt and family, were formally opened last week. It is a grand beneficence, and will be utilized by the lame, the halt and the blind.

A number of the larger villages and towns of Vermont are now for the first time enforcing the liquor law and rules regarding compulsory vaccination among school children, where it has been heretofore neglected.

The democrats of New York State have made the following nominations: Secretary of State, Frederick Cook; Treasurer, Lawrence J. Fitzgerald; Attorney General, Charles F. Tabor; State Engineer, John Bogert.

Burglars entered the rear window of the post office at Fort Edward, N. Y., Thursday morning about 3 o'clock, and blew open the safe and obtained nearly $1,000, $800 of it being in stamps which the postmaster had just received.

The republicans of Massachusetts have made the following nominations: Governor, Oliver Ames; Lieutenant-Governor, J. Q. A. Brackett; Secretary of State, H. B. Pierce; Treasurer, A. W. Beard; Attorney General, A. J. Waterman; Auditor, Charles Lane.

Saturday the house of Nish Vitidage, at Tower, Minn., was burned. Two little children were burned to death, and Vitidage has since died from his injuries. The father threw one of the children back into the fire after it had been rescued. He was insane from the time of the fire until his death.

Yale college is administering some wholesome discipline to several young men who have been guilty of the offence of hazing. They took a student to a saloon, and after making him drink from a nursing bottle, stripped a portion of his clothing from his body, and made him dance a jig and sing songs.

Several of the more prominent English residing in New York have for some time past been quietly preparing a plan for the purpose of perfecting an organization for political purposes, and as a result have issued a call for a meeting to consider the project formally. The present intention is to form a branch of the Sons of St. George.

Henry W. Bishop, a native of Berkshire county, Mass., and a leading citizen of Chicago, proposes to erect and equip, at a cost of not less than $25,000, a training school for nurses in connection with the Pittsfield House of Mercy, as a memorial to his son, who died two years ago while attending Williams College.

Three men and two boys were suffocated, and three others overcome with gas, Saturday, in the Bast colliery, near Ashland, Pa. Pillars in the west mammoth gangway gave way, bringing with it a large amount of gas, which suffocated the workmen and rendered escape impossible. It is feared the other three will die.

Three masked men attempted Thursday night to rob an east-bound passenger train at Odessa, Texas. The train stopped for water at the point named, when robbers attempted to get on board. The train hands resisted and drove away the men, who, as they retreated, fired several shots. A posse went in pursuit.

The sheriffs of Brazoria and Matagorda counties, Texas, say that the trouble between the whites and blacks has ceased. There was no concerted uprising of negroes. The reason for calling out the militia and sheriff's posse, was the killing of Constable Messena, colored, by a white man named Huchols, upon whom Messena attempted to serve a warrant.

By the overflowing of two rivers in Texas, the towns of Guerro and Mier, near the Rio Grande, have been destroyed. In Mier, on the bank of the Mier river, over 200 houses have been wrecked, and many entirely washed away. The town of Guerro, on the Galado river, is inundated, and 50 houses have been either washed away or badly damaged.

Bennie F. Wheldon, aged ten years, fell down the cold air duct in the steeple of Trinity Church, Springfield, Mass., Saturday afternoon. He was found Sunday forenoon in the church cellar, not much the worse for the fall. The shaft opens several feet above the bell, which is 100 feet from the side-walk. The boy climbed to the top of the ventilating shaft above the belfry, for doves, and while there lost his balance and fell in. A vain search was made for him Saturday night. Lanterns were lowered in the shaft, and the outlet visited. After church begun Sunday morning, a man in the cellar heard a small voice in a dark corner crying, "Mamma!" He called the sexton, and they found the boy in the cold air box, not far from the base of the shaft, where he had lain unconscious 18 hours. The youngster was very weak and somewhat dazed, but could lift his arms and speak. He will probably recover.

A Great Manufacturing House.

No branch of the industries of this country has made such rapid strides in this progressive age as the art of Piano making, and none more deserves mention in this connection than the celebrated Piano manufacturers, Messrs. WM. KNABE & CO., of Baltimore and New York. This firm commenced operations in Baltimore fifty years ago, and by their indomitable energy and striving always for the highest and best in their art, united with the greatest probity in their dealings, have worked up one of the largest business in the world in their line, and it is a well known fact that no other firm in this country has done more to advance the American Piano manufacture to its present high state than the firm of WM. KNABE & CO. Their factory is one of the largest in the world, and their business not only extends to all parts of this continent, including the Canadas, the South American States, West Indies, &c., but their Pianos enjoy a large demand in Europe, and the firm has active agencies at London and various points of the European continent. The Knabe Pianos have established their excellence wherever they have been introduced; the most eminent performers have given them the the most unqualified approval, and they are as highly prized in the Parlor and school-room as in the concert hall.

A Big Mistake.

The moulting season, or the season when hens shed their feathers will soon be at an end. The process is one that in certain respects debilitates and prevents hens from laying. The reason of this is that the growing of new feathers requires all the nitrogen and phosphates contained in the food, and there is none left to form the egg. A curious fact about the hen, and one that illustrates the foregoing statement, is this, if a hen's leg be broken during the laying season, she will lay her eggs without shells until the break is mended. The reason for this must be that all the lime contained in the food is required to unite the broken bone, there is therefore none for the formation of egg shells. The formation of new feathers does not require any carbonaceous or fat producing food, consequently well fed hens get very fat during the moulting. Many farmers and poultry raisers not understanding all about these things kill off their old hens because they think they have stopped laying and are fat. This is a great mistake, because if the proper material be furnished them with their food to supply the increased demand for nitrogen and phosphates before mentioned, the old hens will be through shedding feathers much sooner, and will begin laying on the approach of cold weather and they will continue to lay vigorously all winter, while the young pullets, reserved to take the place of the old hens, may not begin to lay until much later in the season. Very many people have learned from experience that Sheridan's Condition Powder mixed once daily with their food will supply the extra material needed to strengthen and invigorate their hens, enabling them to grow new plumage quickly, and commence laying early. Those who commence now to use Sheridan Powder, will find that their young pullets will commence to lay at from four to six months old, and will lay continuously through the winter. The Farmers' Poultry Raising Guide, published by I. S. Johnson & Co., at 22 Custom House St., Boston, at 25 cents, contains a vast amount of information on this subject. Johnson & Co., will send post paid, two 25 cent packs of powder and one Guide for 60 cents, or a 2¼ lb. can of the powder, postage or express prepaid for $1 20 and a Guide free.

At the Superior Court in this city, the following business has been transacted the past week: In the case of Walker vs. Bradstreet, referred to last week; verdict for plaintiff, $1004.04. The Photo Electrotype Engraving and Manufacturing Co. vs. Frank E. Jackson. Action of assumpsit on account annexed $894.69. Verdict for plaintiff for $540.50. I. C. Libby vs. Daniel Dyer, for claim growing out of the copartnership of the parties in the Dyer Pill Manufactory. Withdrawn from jury and referred to Judge Whitehouse to be heard in vacation. Ambrose Merrow vs. Moses Mosher. Assumpsit on account annexed to writ to recover $40 for a horse. Verdict for plaintiff for $90.85. The court adjourned on Tuesday. It took a little more than $1000 to pay off the jury.

A barn belonging to Mrs. Bradford Cummings of Fort Fairfield, containing 60 tons of hay, an entire crop of grain, two horses, four calves, a hog, farming implements and harnesses, was burned Saturday night. The fire was incendiary. Loss $1,700; no insurance.

Sidney Town Show and Fair.

The annual show and fair of this goodly town was held at the Centre on Saturday, Oct. 1st. The attendance was large and the show was a success in nearly all of the different departments. The people of Sidney seem to take pride, and also spare no pains to make their annual fairs interesting and successful, and this fair was one of the best ever holden. The show of oxen was good, and we noticed some 30 pairs of fine-looking oxen in one line, nearly all girthing 7 feet and over. C. Graves showed 3 pairs, one pair measuring 7 ft. 5 in., and one pair 7 ft. E. A. Field, 2 pairs very good ones. Geo. F. Bowman, 1 pair 7 ft. 4 in., good in all respects. H. B. Wyman, 1 pair very good. W. H. Getchell, 1 pair 4 years old, nice pair. J. R. Philbrick 1 pair good ones. S. Bragg, 1 pair, very good and smooth. Town Farm, 1 pair good ones. Paul T. Stevens, 1 pair 6 years old, well matched and nice animals. G. Barton, 1 pair 4 years old, good in all respects. John Wyman, 1 pair 4 years old, Grade Hereford, very good. W. A. Shaw, 1 pair Grade Durham, 7 ft. 4 in., good. Isaac Bowman, 1 pair, Grade Hereford, 6 years old, 7 ft. 6 in., good pair. Sewall Clark, 1 pair, 7 ft. 8 in., a large pair and good pullers. H. R. Bowman, 1 pair, 5 years old, 7 ft., 3 in., good. Albert Faught, 1 pair, 4 years old, 7 ft., good ones.

The amount of young stock was not large, but we noticed some very good. H. R. Bowman, 1 pair steers 1 years old, 5 ft. 9 in., good ones. Jas. Minot, 1 pair, 2 years old, Grade Durham, 6 ft. 4 in., a good pair. E. Tillson, 1 pair 3 years old and 1 pair 2 years old; Charles Field, 1 pair 1 year old; Arthur Stevens, 1 pair; Charles Avery, one pair, all good ones.

Pulling Oxen.—There was quite a lively contest in pulling oxen, and some excellent work done by nearly all contestants.

Pulling oxen—Sewall Clark, 1st; Calvin Graves, 2d; E A Field, 3d.
Fat cattle—Isaac Bowman, 1st; Howard R Bowman, 2d; Wm A Shaw, 3d.
Best herds—There was but one entry in this class, Willard Field showed his herd of Jerseys, 9 head, all worthy animals,—therefore he was deemed entitled to the 1st premium.
Best milch cows—Albert Faught, 1st.
Best heifers—Holstein, one year old, C C Hamlen, 1st.
Bulls, thoroughbred—Hereford, Frank Bowman, 1st.
Bulls, Grade—E A Field, 1st.

Horses.

The exhibit in this department was full, and many fine animals were shown, especially in brood mares and colts. Those noticed by us we mention; many others deserving of mention we are unable to report for want of space. Lady Palmer, by Gideon, with colt 4 mos. old, by Nelson, by her side, a nice one, also in foal by Nelson—shown by D. L. Sawtelle—both mare and colt show fine breeding. J. C. Reynolds shows mare, and colt 3½ mos. old, large and nice. J. H. Bean shows mare, Morgan Messenger; and colt, 3 mos. old, by Cousins Horse, a nice stepper. S. C. Hastings shows mare and colt by Lyon's Horse, large and good. Lucius Howard shows brood mare and four colts; all seemed to be worthy animals. E. A. Field shows mare, and colt by Onward, 3½ mos. old; large and nice. A. H. Bailey shows one 2 yrs. old; good. D. T. Bartlett, one 2 yrs. old; very good; by Echo. J. B. Sawtelle, one 2 yrs. old, by Echo; large and nice. A. M. Sawtelle, one 4 mos. old, by Onward; good one. Leroy Goff shows two colts, one by Daniel Lambert and one by Cushnoc; both very good. Below we give the awards for trotting horses:

Trotting horses—Chas Field, 1st; W Ballard, 2d; E A Field, 3d.
Carriage horses—Miss A E Sawtelle, 1st; Turner Barr, 2d.
Breeding mares—D L Sawtelle, 1st; Willard Field, 2d; J M Ballard, 3d.
Colts, 3 yrs. old—A H Bragg, 1st; Geo Swift, 2d; Lucius Howard, 3d.
Colts, 2 yrs old—Willard Field, 1st; same, 2d; J E Sawtelle, 3d.
Colts, 1 yr old—A D Stevens, 1st; Chas E Merrill, 2d; L Wyman, 3d.
Suckers—D L Sawtelle, 1st; Willard Field, 2d; Frank Abbott, 3d.
Best lambs—Jas A Bacon, 1st.
Best breeding sow and pigs—L G Tilley, 1st.

Fruit.

In this department there was a nice display, notwithstanding the scarcity of the apple and pear crops of the year. We found the tables well and beautifully laden with so many varieties that space forbids the giving of exhibitors' names, which is much regretted by us. The awards were as follows:

Best Nodheads—A K Swift, 1st.
Best King of Tompkins and Spy—Fred E Blake, 1st.
Best Pound Sweet and Pearmain—Geo F Bowman, 1st.
Best Gravenstein and Calverts—C Philbrick, 1st.
Best Porters—L H Wyman, 1st.
Best Fameuse—A H Black, 1st.

There was a nice display of Baldwins, but the committee failed to report.

Pears and small fruit—A good display, but committee failed to report.

Potatoes and garden vegetables—There was an excellent display, but committee failed to report. Nice squashes were shown by L. G. Tilley, F. E. Blake, L. Ellis, and S. York, and others too numerous to mention. Nice, Early Sunrise potatoes were shown by H. A. Faught and by Mark Bean; Late Rose by Mark Bean; Burbanks by Mark Bean. Onions—Splendid specimens were shown by Josiah Soule and F. E. Blake. Carrots—Some very nice were shown by Ezra Bates and S. Clark.

Best butter—Mrs J H Bean, 1st; Mrs S S Lovejoy 2d; Mrs G P Ellis 3d.
Best cheese—plain, Mrs C H Nash 1st; Mrs J M Palmer 2d; sage, Mrs J H Bean 1st.
Bread and honey—bread, Mrs Laura Swift 1st; honey, Merton Bessey 1st; A Sawtelle 2d.
Musical instruments—Geo W Manter 1st on Ivers and Pond piano.

Household and Fancy Articles.

This department was full, and the ladies of Sidney well know how to make their department interesting to all who visit the Fair, and this year is no exception to the general rule. As the articles were so very numerous, we can only mention a few. Nice silk quilts by Mattie E. Blake and Mrs. A. B. Palmer. Affghan by Mrs. Silas Bragg. Yarn rug by Mrs. E. E. Bailey, also a drawn rug by Mrs. E. E. Bailey, very nice. Table scarf by Mrs. O. C. Robbins. Tidy by Mrs. Thomas Moore, and also by Susie E. Sawtelle. Scrim puff by Mrs. M. L. Reynolds. Table mats by Lizzie E. Swift. Lace trimming, Mikado pattern by Miss M. Moore, very nicely done. Nice paintings were shown by Lillian M. Davies. Placque by Mrs. Norris Swift, very neatly done. Fancy chair by Mrs. S. S. Reynolds, covered with silk, and done in crazy work with fringe; also stand done in same, attracted considerable attention, which were very pretty and useful. Same also showed a fancy Japanese card box which was quite a curiosity, being very neatly done.

Meteorological.

September was a cool, damp month. Although only 1.05 inch of rain fell during the month the relative humidity averaged over 90 per cent. at the morning and evening observations, with a daily average for the month of 81.14 per cent. Only three Septembers in 49 years with less rain, only two with less than one inch—1865, .84 inch and 1867 .97 inch. The average rain fall for the month for 49 years is 3.22 inches.

Average temperature of Sept. for 49 yrs.,	58°.4
Mean temperature of this month,	55°
Highest temperature (on the 6th,)	75°
Lowest " (on the 24th)	29°
Greatest daily range temperature (on the 21)	7°
Least " " " (on the 3d)	19°.4
Mean daily range,	
Highest daily mean temperature (on the 7th)	67°
Lowest " " " (on the 25th)	44°.25
Mean barometer, (corrected and reduced)	30.039 in.
Highest " (on the 18th),	30.441 in.
Lowest " (on the 7th),	29.418 in.
Prevailing wind, South.	
Maximum velocity, direction and date 3 (on a scale of ten) N. W. on the 16th and 22d.	
Rainy days, 8; Cloudy days, 9.	
Thunder storm on the 7th; Frost on the 24th.	
Polar bands, (8th and 21st;) Meteor on the (15th.)	
Aurora on the (16th, 17th and 25th.)	
Latitude N.,	44°.12'
Longitude W.,	69°.46'
Height above sea level,	100 feet.
Gardiner.	W.

An abstract of the Meteorological Observations taken at the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, for the month of September, 1887.

Lat. 44° 54' 2" N. Lon. 68° 40' 11" W.
Altitude above the sea, 129 feet.

Mean temperature,	54°.48
Maximum "	77°.3
Minimum "	30°.8
Mean of warmest day, 7th,	67°.6
Mean of coldest day, 25th,	41°.5
Mean percentage of cloudiness,	.49
Amount of rain,	.95 in.
Direction and force of winds:—N. W. & W., .46; S. W. & S., .35; S. E. & E., .08; N. E. & N., .11.	
Mean height of barometer in inches,	29.944
Maximum " "	30.301
Minimum " "	29.359
Mean humidity of the atmosphere,	.80

Unity Corn Canning.

The Portland Packing Co. are just closing up their work at the factory. They have put up in all 343,255 cans, equal to about 357 tons. They have employed about 150 hands in and about the factory during the packing season. They have paid out for building, corn, help, etc., some $13,000, and though the season has been very unfavorable, the farmers are getting their grounds ready to try the experiment another year. Two hundred and forty-eight acres have been planted which have returned from 14 to 50 dollars per acre. Some farmers have made a great mistake in thinking sweet corn would mature among weeds. Success in this as in every other enterprise is the result of eternal vigilance. Many planted their corn too near and put in beans and pumpkins on the same ground. Give the corn the ground and keep down the weeds, and it will pay. J. PERLEY.

Unity, Oct. 3d, '87.

CATARRH CURED.

A clergyman, after years of suffering from that loathsome disease, Catarrh, and vainly trying every known remedy, at last found a prescription which completely cured and saved him from death. Any sufferer from this dreadful disease sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Prof. J. A. Lawrence, 212 East 9th Street, New York, will receive the recipe free of charge. 1y45t

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

The Markets.

Report of Union Stock Market.

[Specially Reported for the Maine Farmer.]

WATERTOWN, Oct. 4, 1887.

Names of Drovers.	No. Cattle.	Sheep.	Veals.	Hogs.
W. W. Hall & Son,	41	00	17	00
Jas. McKenney,	00	416	00	00
E. McQuelten,	16	00	00	00
F. Hayden,	10	00	5	00
C. H. Merrill,	37	200	15	00
D. P. & H. P. Whitney,	15	200	00	00
Merrill & Arnold,	00	490	00	00
King & Hammond,	00	420	00	01
J. B. A. Farrell,	84	650	00	00
Weller & Libby,	40	10	40	
I. C. Libby & Sons,	9	00	9	
E. L. Libby,	00	200	00	00
P. W. Thompson,	16	00	00	00
A. Richardson,	20	00	11	8
Libby & Merrill,	00	828	00	00
R. W. Brown,	00	60	48	00
F. H. Cooledge & Son,	22	00	00	00
E. A. Bailey,	23	00	00	00
Friend & Allen,	12	00	00	00
Piper & Blaisdell,	00	201	00	00
J. F. Lowry,	7	00	7	00
N. Tozier,	00	200	00	00

VOLUME OF LIVE STOCK.

Cattle, 2,881; sheep and lambs, 14,461; hogs, 19,515; pigs, 130; horses, 662; veals, 883. Amount of stock from Maine, 353 cattle, 3,755 sheep and lambs, 8 hogs, 122 horses, 142 veals, all making a train of 42 full carloads, the whole of which was used for home consumption, except 1,231 cattle exported at ⅛ cent less price than last week.

CONDITION OF TRAFFIC.

The tone cattle of the market is weaker for all classes of beef cattle, 7 cents being the top price for gilt-edged steers, various grades running down to bulls and slim cows that bring 2 to 3 cents dressed weight. Sheep and lambs were plenty, and lower by ⅛ to ¼ cent on good goods, while slim, common stuff went off ½ cent. The best lot of fat sheep bring 4 cents, live common stock 3 to 3½ cents. Best Canada and Aroostook lambs bring 5½ cents live, while Madawaska flocks went 5 cents for the lambs, 3 for the sheep. Hogs are lower, 6¼ cents being the top price for dressed weight. Veal trade steady at 2½ to 6½ cents live weight. Milch cows are in demand at good prices; if of choice quality a range of $25 to $60 covers sales. The oldest dealer has never known steers for store purposes and working oxen to sell lower than at present. Seven feet workers bring $90 to $110; 6 feet, 6 inch cattle, $65 to $75; 6 fat steers $40 to $60 per pair. Two year old steers bring $20 to $25, or 2½ cents live. Good year olds can be bought at $10.

SALES OF MAINE CATTLE.

J. F. Lowry sold 2 good new milch cows at $40 and $47. F. H. Cooledge & Son sold 2 fancy cattle, home weight 4830 lbs; prize cattle, estimated to dress 3600 lbs. at 7¼ cents dressed weight; 35 veal calves, 125 lbs., at 6 cents. These cattle were bred and raised by Albert Rideout of Cumberland; six years old, 8 feet 3 inches, 8 feet 8 inches, to girth, home weight 4830 lbs., will dress 3600 lbs. Took first prize at Cumberland Farmers' Fair over 28 pairs of oxen. Also first prize at Cumberland County Fair over 34 pairs exhibited by Isaac Johnson at Gorham. This pair of monster oxen were a cross between Hereford and Durham, and a credit to this well known extra feeder. The price received for these very fat cattle indicates the tendency of the times to use younger and lighter beef. I. C. Libby & Sons sold the famous Bailey State show team, 23 head, all fine Herefords from 2 to 4 years of age, estimated to dress 1500 lbs. each, called by good judges the best team in the world, at 7½c dressed weight. A. Richardson sold two cattle, averaging 1525 lbs., at 6¼ cents per cwt. live weight; 2 cattle, 1290 lbs., at 4 cents; 4 heifers, 750 lbs. each, at 3 cents. J. McKenney sold his Prince Edward Island sheep and lambs; lambs 5⅜ cents, averaging 63 lbs.; sheep 4 cents, averaging 100 lbs. J. B. Farrell sold a slim lot of sheep and lamps at 4 cents live, averaging 67 lbs. King & Hammond sold 400 sheep and lambs, bought on the St. John river, at 4 cents, averaging 68 lbs. W. W. Hall & Son sold 1 pair of cattle, girthing 6 feet 8 inches, 2600 lbs., at $105; 3 beef oxen, to dress 1000 lbs. each, 6¾ cents; 17 veal calves, 130 lbs. each, at 6¼ cents live. C. H. Merrill's load of Houlton sheep and lambs at 4 cents for the sheep, 5½ cents for the lambs; 4 beef oxen, 6640 lbs., at 4½ cents. Some choice heifers at 3¼ cents live.

A BIG CATTLE TRAIN.

Forty-two full loaded cars, with the products of our farms in the shape of live stock, from Maine, attracted on the route and at market considerable attention, furnishing conclusive evidence that we are not asleep, but slowly and steadily progressing in cattle and sheep husbandry; and we see no reason why we may not now begin to educate ourselves in the various new ideas of growing cattle and tending sheep, so that Maine, like Kentucky and Illinois, may be catered to by the cattle dealers as are our noted horsemen. Most certainly we have the soil and the intelligent husbandmen. If some new departures could be made to place the agriculture of Maine abreast, if not ahead of any State in the Union, farmers must wake up to the idea that we are living in sharp times when the brain must be worked as well as the muscle. The farmer who does not take and read a live paper, keep posted on prices and affairs in general, does not now and then lend his ear to the telegraph wires or the telephone, who harnesses his horse and rides on the old thorough-brace wagon, instead of riding in steam cars, will be pretty sure to have the flies light on his face and show marks. The rust must be kept off if we would succeed. When the farmers of Maine begin as do men in other avocations, to invest money in their farming operations, instead of distrusting themselves and their farms, by robbing them in selling off their products and depositing the income in some savings bank, then we shall see progressive wealth and happiness will be the intelligent, stirring, well informed, honest husbandman's portion, a fitting reward for his persistent efforts. I. C. LIBBY.

Boston Market.

BOSTON, TUESDAY, Oct. 4, 1887.

FLOUR AND MEAL. The market rules firm for flour and the demand moderate, with the prices unchanged. The quotations following include the prices for large and small lots: We quote fine at $2 40@3 00; superfine at $2 90@3 40; extras and seconds at $3 15@4 00; Michigan stone ground at $4 10@4 40; Minnesota bakers at $4 10@4 60; winter wheat rollers at $4 20@4 60; winter wheat patents at $4 60@5 00, and spring wheat patents as $4 85@5 30 per bbl. Corn meal is firm, and in demand at 2 40@2 45 for kiln-dried and granulated at $3 00 per bbl. Oat meal is in fair demand with sales of fine at $5 50@5 75, and cut $6 10@6 20 per bbl. In rye flour sells in small lots at $3 25@$3 50 per bbl.

GRAIN. Corn is quiet and steady, but to move any line concessions would have to be granted. Steamer mixed is offered at 56c on track, and 57½c in elevators, and steamer yellow at 57c on track, and 58@58½c in elevators. Oats are in moderate demand and prices are weak, sales No. 2 white at 36c on track, but some dealers are asking 36½c; in elevators 37@37¼c is asked, but it would be difficult to realize the prices. Choice clipped oats are held at 39@39¾c, and barley can be bought at 39c per bush. In futures there was considerable activity on the call, and sales were made of 2700 bush. November No. 2 white at 36⅛c; 8100 bush December do at 38c; 8100 bush Jan. do at 38⅞c; 10,800 bush Feb. do at 39⅛@39⅝c, and 13,500 bush May do at 41c per bush. For cash the closing prices were 36⅜c bid and 36¾c asked, making the settling price 36⅝c per bush. Before the call sales of 2600 bush Jan. No. 2 white at 39⅛c per bush.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE. There is no change to note in butter. Choice fresh is firm, with other grades steady. Prices are unchanged.

Cheese was rather quiet, though prices are firmly held for choice: Good to choice, in job lots, 13½@14½c; choice northern, in round lots, 12@12½c; western, 11@12c; fair to good, 9@10c. The Liverpool market is quoted lower at 58s 6d.

Eggs and beans are firm and active, without change in prices.

Potatoes are in fair demand, with Houlton stock firm: Houlton rose, 75c; hebrons, 78@80c; Aaoostook rose, 70@75c; hebrons, 78@80c; Vermont rose, 65c; New York rose, 65c; hebrons, 60@65c; burbank, 65@70; peerless, 65@70c; New Brunswick and Nova Scotia bble stock, $2@2.25. Sweets are quoted at: Extra Virginia, $2.25; Jerseys, bulk, $2.25; doubleheads, $2.50@2.75.

Apples sustain a fairly steady tone. Choice grades rule at $1 75 to $2 25 per barrel, and fancy at from $2 50 to $4 per barrel, the outside for gravensteins, which are scarce. Common varieties run down to $1 per barrel. Only choice hard red apples are wanted for export, and these must be tightly packed. The Liverpool market is stocked with poor fruit. Messrs. Lombard advise caution for awhile till hard varieties can be shipped. Pears are in liberal supply, and range all the way from 50 cents to $3 per bushel. No fruit in the market is more difficult to quote than pears, owing to the great difference in quality. Cranberries are plentiful and sell slowly at $5 to $7 per barrel. Grapes continue in large supply, and range from 3 to 6 cents per pound.

HAY. Hay is arriving freely, and very little goes over $18 per ton. Medium grades rule principally at from $13 to $17. Rye straw is in steady request at $16 to $17 per ton.

Bangor Produce Market.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 5.

APPLES—$1 00@2 25 per bbl.
BEANS—Yellow Eyes, $1 30@1 35 per bush.; hand picked Pea, $1 90@2 00.
BUTTER—Best, 20@22c per lb.; fair to good, 19@20c.
EGGS—20@22c per doz.
GRAIN—Oats, 40@45c per bushel.
HAY—$12@13 per ton; best bales, $13@14.
CORN—60@64c; meal, 60c.
POTATOES—Best quality per bushel, 60@75c.
PROVISIONS—Pork, round hog per lb., 5@6c. Chicken, 12@15; Fowl per lb., 12@13c.

Brighton Cattle Market.

BRIGHTON, Sept. 27, 1887.

Amount of live stock at market—Cattle 530; Sheep and lambs 4180, Swine 17,280; Horses 207, Veal calves 185. Number of western cattle, 370; northern cattle, 160.

Prices of Western Beef Cattle per 100 lbs. live weight—Choice $5 12½@5 50; first $4 62½@5; second $4 12½@4 50; third quality $4 62½@4 00; poorest grades of coarse Oxen, Cows, Bulls, Stags, Texan, Colorado, $3 00@3 50.

Brighton Hides 6½@7c. per lb.
Brighton Tallow 3¼c. per lb.
Country Hides, 6@6½c per lb.
Country Tallow 1¾@2¼c. per lb.
Calf Skins 6@7c per lb.
Sheep and lamb Skins 75@90c each.
Dairy skins, 25@50c.

SALES OF CATTLE.

	By Number.	Price per 100 lbs live wt.	Live wt.	Average wt.
A. N. Monroe	16	4 70	"	1430
do	17	4 45	"	1379
do	15	3 90	"	1191
do	16	3 85	"	1252
do			"	1407
Farrell&McFlynn	5	5 20	"	1375
do	15	5 10	"	1280
do	5	4 90	"	1150
do	5	4 55	"	1200
do	11	4 50	"	1300
do	5	5 00		

The trade for beef cattle opened dull and inactive, with a light supply of cattle on the market for sale. The large supplies of western dressed beef being brought into the commission houses are of a common grade, and has a tendency to make the trade for common grades of beef dull. Extra cattle were in fair sale, although not in large supplies, butchers' cattle selling at $4.25 to $5.50 per 100 lbs. live weight.

Sheep and lambs—Those from the West were all owned by butchers, lambs costing from 5c to 6½c, sheep 4c to 8c per lb. live weight, landed at the yards.

Swine—Western fat hogs are costing butcher from 5c to 5½c per lb. live weight, landed at the slaughter houses.

Augusta City Market.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY FOR THE MAINE FARMER]

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 28.

APPLES—Green apples, $5 00 per bbl.; evaporated 00@00c per lb.
BEANS—Pea beans 2 25; Yellow Eyes $1 50@1 75.
BUTTER—Good Firkin 17@18; Butter sells for 15c; Ball Butter 18@20c.
Cheese—10@12c.
COTTON SEED MEAL—$1 45 per cwt.
EGGS—20@21c per dozen.
FLOUR—St. Louis $5 00@5 50; Patent 6 00.
GRAIN—Corn 58@60c; oats 40@45; barley 80c. Rye $1 00.
HAY—$12 00@15 00.
STRAW—Loose $6@$7; pressed $8@$10.
HONEY—Choice Aroostook 15@16c.
HIDES AND SKINS—Cow and ox hides, 6c; bulls and stags. 4c; calf skins, 6c.
LIME AND CEMENT—Lime $1 10 per cask; cement $1 75.
LARD—Tierce 7½; Dom. 8@8½c.
MEAL—Corn 57@59; rye 90@1 00.
PRODUCE—New potatoes, 75@$0 90 per bu.; new cabbages, 1@1½c per lb; squash, 1@1½c per lb; turnips, $0 40 per bushel; beets, 50c per bu.
PROVISIONS—Clear salt pork 7@8c; beef per side 7½@8c; ham 12@13c; fowls 8@10c; mutton 7@8c; spring lamb 10@11c; veal 7@8c; spring chickens 18@22c; Old turkeys 12½c; round hog 7c.
SHORTS—$1 25 per hundred.

Portland Market.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 5.

APPLES—Green, $2.50@3.00 per bbl.; Evaporated, 16@19c per lb.
BUTTER—20@21 for choice family; creamery, 26@28c.
BEANS—Pea, $2 60@2 75; Yellow Eyes, $1 65@1 75.
CHEESE—Maine and Vermont Factory, 10@13½c; N. Y. Factory, 10@13¾.
FLOUR—Superfine, $2 75@3 75; Spring X and XX, $4 15@4 35; Roller Michigan, $4 50@4 75; St. Louis Winter Patents, $5 00@5 28.
FISH—Cod Shore, $4 00@4 25; bank, $3 50@4 00; Scaled herring per box, 20@22c; Mackerel per bbl, Shore No 1, $18 00@20 00.
GRAIN—Corn, bag lots, 60@61; oats, 40@42c; cotton seed, car lots, $25 25@25 50; cotton seed, bag lots, $26 00@27 00; sacked bran, car lots, $17 50@18 50; sacked bran, bag lots, $19 00@20 00; middlings, car lots, $19 00@21 00; middlings, bag lots, $20 00@23 00.
LARD—Per tierce, 7¼@7¾c per lb; per tub, 7¼@7¾c; pail, 7¾@7½c.
PROVISIONS—Fowl, 14@16c; chickens 16@18; eggs, 20@22c; potatoes, 75@85c per bush.; extra beef, $7 75@8 25; pork backs, $18 50@19 00; clear, $18 00@18 50; hams, 12@12½c; covered, 12½@13c.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

TUESDAY, Oct. 4.

CATTLE—Receipts, 10,000; shipments, 2,500; natives higher; quality poor; shipping steers, at 3 00@5 00; stockers and feeders, 1 50@3 10; cows, bulls and mixed, 1 25@3 00; Texas cattle, 1 50@2 60; western rangers, 2 00@4 00.

HOGS—Receipts, 24,000; shipments 7,500; opened strong; closed lower; mixed at 4 25@4 65; heavy at 4 40@4 80; light at 4 35@4 75; rough and skips 3 25@4 20.

SHEEP—Receipts, 6,000; shipments 1,200; steady for good; common weak; natives at 2 75@4 10; Western at 3 00@3 65; Texans at 2 40@3 55; Lambs at 4 00@5 10.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.

United States Bonds.	3's,		(reg.)	124
"	"	New 4s,	(reg.)	124
"	"	"	(coup.)	108¼
"	"	New 4½	(reg.)	108¾
"	"	4½	(coup.)	114
"	"	Pacific 1sts.		

MAINE BAPTIST CONVENTION. As we go to press, the Baptist State Convention is in session in Bangor, some three or four hundred delegates being present. They are hospitably entertained by the people, and given a regular Bangor welcome. Monday evening a sermon of great power was preached by Prof. J. M. English, of Newton Theological Institute, on the "Characteristics of Effective Preaching as Exemplified by Paul's Masterly Address at Athens." He showed from the surroundings, the use of the materials at hand, the way he handled his audience, Paul's marvellous power in adapting himself to his audience, in becoming "all things to all men."

Rev. I. S. Hamblen, of North Berwick, read a very scholarly and searching essay on the Bible doctrine concerning divorce, taking the ground that marriage is a civil and not a spiritual institution.

Tuesday morning a cordial welcome was extended to the visiting delegates and friends, in an address by Rev. Mr. Busfield of Bangor. The interesting report of the committee on the state of religion in the churches, was read by Rev. C. V. Hanson of Skowhegan. There has been considerable building and repairing of churches the past year, but no gain in membership, the baptisms having been 300 less than the previous year. It has been more of a year of preparation, and large results are looked for in the coming year. The denomination was never better equipped for effective work than at the present time, and were never more hopeful of future results. The friendly congratulations of the Free Baptist denomination were extended by Rev. R. H. Tozier, and of the Methodist by Rev. F. C. Rogers. The interests of the Baptist Missionary Union were presented by Rev. Mr. Foster, who soon sails as a missionary to China, and who showed that, notwithstanding our advanced civilization, one thousand millions of the earth's population are still in the bondage of heathen darkness. Rev. C. H. Spaulding presented the claims of the Baptist Publication Society, that is engaged in scattering bibles and religious literature throughout the country, and establishing Sunday schools. He said that the Baptists of this country had expended the past year over four millions of dollars for benevolent purposes. Rev. Dr. Burrage of Portland introduced the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That we have observed with interest the movement for a union of the Baptists and Free Baptists of the British Maritime Provinces, and we commend the same with the "Basis of Union" already adopted by the Baptists of these Provinces in their annual convention, to the earnest and prayerful attention of the Baptists of Maine.

The following officers were elected: President, Hon. Moses Giddings; Vice President, Rev. G. D. B. Pepper, D. D.; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. Ricker, D. D.; Recording Secretary, Rev. H. S. Burrage, D. D.; Treasurer, Prof. J. B. Foster; Auditor, J. W. Philbrick, and a large Board of Trustees.

In the afternoon the report of the Treasurer, Prof. Foster, was presented, showing the amount of funds on hand Sept. 1st, 1886, $21,402.06. Receipts from estate of Gov. Coburn, $100,000; contributions of churches, $3,651.24; interest accrued, $2,321.08; legacy of Lucy F. Robinson, $1,000; legacy of Sarah C. Thayer, $120; legacy of Mrs. Sally Tozer, $750; legacy of Elizabeth N. True, $100; legacy of Sarah Jewett, $15; donation of Emily Peaslee, $500. Expenditures, including $5375 special grants for church buildings, $13,335.49. Permanent fund, Sept. 1st, 1887, was $117,702.72. Rev. J. Ricker, D. D., read the report of the Trustees of the Convention. Sixty churches have been helped during the year. Attention was called to the vast uncultivated fields, where there is no Gospel preaching. The fraternal greetings of the Congregational churches of Maine were presented by Rev. B. B. Merrill. The annual sermon was then preached by Rev. W. H. Roberts of Rockland, who took for his text Soloman 2:15. The Society of Christian Endeavor was represented by Mr. Foss of Portland, and in the evening Rev. Dr. McArthur of New York spoke upon "Aggressive Work for the Church." Wednesday evening the annual sermon before the Educational Society was preached by Rev. H. J. White of Augusta. The convention closes to-day.

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Items and Incidents.

Of six young ladies whose education at Vassar cost $10,000 each, five married one-horse lawyers and have to give music lessons to make a living for the family. The other one is still single, but leaning towards a country parson on a salary of $320 per year.

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J. A. McGlindley is under arrest at Cleveland, Ohio, charged with drawing pensions in the names of a large number of widows who are found on investigation to have died long ago. McGlindley is an expert forger. It is estimated he has swindled the government of $200,000 during the past 18 years.

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The last two steamers for China took over forty thousand barrels of flour for Yokohama and Hong Kong. These are probably the largest cargoes of flour that ever left San Francisco by steamer. The collapse of the wheat deal set all the flour mills to running, and has led to this boom in shipping. Flour shipments to England, which were also suspended, will now be resumed.

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A big shark weighing 800 pounds was captured opposite the pier of Fort Popham Beach, Sunday, the monster fish being speared. An attempt was made to shoot the shark, but it was unsuccessful and the iron was employed. This is the first shark seen in the river for several years.

The Post-offices at East Mercer, Somerset County and West Lubec, Washington County were discontinued on Saturday.

Married.

In this city, Oct. 4, by Rev. A. F. Skeele, Ralph S. French of Boston, to Elsie K. Wilson of Augusta.

In this city, Sept. 24, by Rev. J. B. Jordan, William J. Glazier to Etta A. Sinclair, both of this city.

In this city, Sept. 28, by Rev. J. B. Jordan, Preston W. Wellman to Ella F. Gaslin, both of this city.

In Auburn, Sept. 28, James J. McDonald of Auburn, to Sarah A. Wilson of Lewiston.

In Buxton, Sept. 28, Charles A. Smith of Buxton, to Rose Skillings of Standish.

In Bangor, Sept. 24, Charles E. Robshaw to Addie Lewis, both of Bangor; Sept. 25, Charles A. Graffam of Glenburn, to Caroline Dudley of Bangor.

In Brunswick, Sept. 21, Charles E. Lancaster of Richmond, to Kate E. Nevens of Brunswick.

In Bath, Sept. 26, Henry K. Cobb of Brunswick, to Ada H. Leavitt of Bath; Sept. 25, Capt. Joseph A. Perkins to Georgie E. Wallace, both of Phipsburg; Sept. 29, Martin V. B. White to Mary S. Bean of Bath.

In Centre Lincolnville, Sept. 25, Capt. Will E. Dickey to Emma I. Cross, both of Lincolnville.

In Castine, Sept. 19, Boyd Bartlett of Ellsworth, to Louise Wheeler of Castine.

In Dead River, Sept. 12, Nicholas Durrell of Dead River, to Mrs. Aurie Thompson of Solon.

In Deering, Sept. 28, Geo. H. Wyman to Eva M. Thompson, both of Deering.

In Eastport, Sept. 27, August J. Spengel of Wichita, Kansas, to Ella C. Newcomb of Eastport.

In Ellsworth, Sept. 27, George M. Crimmin, to Lillian E. Scammon, both of Eastbrook.

In Farmington Falls, Sept. 24, B. Corydon Bailey of Industry to Mary C. Perkins of New Sharon.

In Falmouth, Sept. 28, George D. Colley to Tillie C. Huston, both of Falmouth.

In Gardiner, Sept. 22, Wm. T. McMaster to Louise E. Harrington, both of Gardiner; Sept. 24, Wm. B. Goodrich of Monmouth, to Bertha E. M. Fuller of Gardiner.

In Houlton, Sept. 20, Alvin Patterson to Mary McDonald, both of Canterbury, N. B.

In Hampden, Sept. 25, Fred P. Loud to Mabel E. Tribou, both of Hampden.

In Industry, Sept. 25, Chas. E. Weston of Milwaukee, Wis., to Viola A. Johnson of Industry.

In Jefferson, Sept. 25, Alphonso Hall to Alice Partridge, both of Jefferson.

In Lewiston, Sept. 28, Frank F. Phillips of Auburn, to Annie L. Stewart of Livermore; Sept. 28, Wm. Trueworthy of Auburn, to Sarah Alice Cash of Lewiston.

In Lamoine, Sept. 14, Herman W. Holt to Rosie Hodgkins, both of Lamoine.

In Limerick, Sept. 27, Edwin M. Partridge of Windham, to Nellie, daughter of S. W. Emery of Limerick.

In Liberty, Sept. 8, John Carll to Jennie M. Gordon, both of Benton.

In Mt. Vernon, Sept. 28, by James F. Blunt, Esq., Fred E. Hall of Vienna to Mrs. Isadore A. Allen of Mt. Vernon.

In Newburg, Sept. 24, Benjamin B. York to Mrs. Orinda P. Piper, all of Newburgh.

In New Portland, Sept. 21, Ernest E. Atwood of Embden, Nellie M. Wilbur of New Portland.

In North Sedgwick, Horace H. Allen to Annie G. Elwell, both of Sedgwick.

In Newcastle, Sept. 24, Wellington Clarke to Mrs. Belle Mulligan.

In Portland, Sept. 27, Charles C. Files to Laura A. Harper, both of Portland; Sept. 28, Herbert Judson Allen to M. Carrie Fickett, both of Portland; Sept. 28, John S. Sponagle to Susie L. Mills, both of Portland.

In Raymond Village, Sept. 27, Jas. M. Meserve to Liza C. McCarrie of Raymond.

In Solon, Sept. 20, John Roach to Lizzie McClintic, both of Bingham.

In Steep Falls, Sept. 27, Rev. John A. Wiggin of Madison to Laura Rankin of Hiram.

In Surry, Sept. 24, Francis J. Gasper to Essie M. Withee, both of Surry.

In Searsport, Sept. 28, Charles O. Fernald of Bloomington, Minn., to Mrs. F. A. Mugridge of Searsport.

In Temple, Sept. 21, Alfred W. Shaw of Farmington to Eliza M. Burgess of Temple.

In Tremont, Sept. 25, Fred M. Robbins to Lillie S. Robbins, both of Tremont.

In Waterville, Sept. 24, William McBeth to Minnie Gleason, both of St. John; Sept. 24, George Sidebottom to Lizzie Bragg; Sept. 26, Cyrille Boutelle of Waterville, to Annie Langlois of Winslow.

In Woodfords, Sept. 28, George H. Wyman to Eva M. Thompson.

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Died.

In this city, Sept. 13, Mrs. Ann Marshall, widow of John Marshall, aged 81 years.

In this city, September 18, Alvin Herbert Donnell of Bath, aged 41 years.

In Auburn, Sept. 26, Mrs. Maria M. Chapman, aged 50 years; Sept. 27, Gibson Mendall, aged 50 years; Sept. 16, Alice, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Eveleth, aged 3 years, 6 months.

In Amherst, Sept. 4, Mrs. Betsey Silsby, aged 77 years, 4 months.

In Arrowsic, Sept. 20, Edwin W. Swett, aged 47 years, 4 months.

In Bath, Sept. 25, Elizabeth P., wife of Sewall Small, aged 46 years; Sept. 25, Mrs. Ellen Hennessey, aged 65 years; Sept. 25, Nellie, daughter of Patrick and Catherine Welch, aged 1 year, 11 months; Sept. 30, Mrs. Marietta W., wife of Charles A. Davenport, aged 45 years.

In Benton, Sept. 15, Abraham Preble, aged 85 years.

In Bucksport, Sept. 15, Mrs. Eliza M. Smith, widow of the late Seth Smith, aged 88 years.

In Boothbay, Sept. 20, Walter Adams Kenniston, eldest son of G. B. Kenniston, aged 19 years.

In Belfast, Sept. 26, Mrs. Mary A. Partridge, aged 84 years, 5 months; Sept. 27, George O. Parker, aged 58 years, 4 months.

In Bangor, Sept. 26, Dennis Hennessey, aged 80 years; Sept. 26, Rose Anna, wife of Jeremiah Reardon, aged 32 years, 1 month.

In Buxton, Sept. 4, Eliza D., wife of Sewall Blake, aged 68 years, 10 months.

In Cape Elizabeth Depot, Sept. 26, Eva May, only child of Frank and Carrie E. Batchelder, aged 15 months.

In Chesterville, Sept. 26, Millie Sturtevant, aged 20 years.

In Ellsworth, Sept. 26, Gracie West, youngest daughter of James E. and Lizzie M. Parsons, aged 1 year, 3 months; Sept. 26, Joseph F. Smith, aged 58 years, 4 months; Sept. 29, at the residence of her son, C. P. Dorr, Esq., Mrs. Abbie M. Dorr, aged 78 years, 5 months.

In Eastport, Ralph W. Cross, aged 15 days.

In East Vassalboro, Sept. 19, of scarlet fever, Lindley, son of Geo. and Mary J. Priest, aged 4 years.

In East Deering, Sept. 30, Catharine M., wife of Geo. Weymouth, aged 29 years, 4 months.

In Eustis, Sept. 24, Mrs. Marshall Nyle of New Portland, aged 70 years.

In East Wilton, Sept. 13, E. B. Leach, aged about 70 years.

In Farmington, Sept. 25, Louisa, widow of Isaiah Chick, aged 47 years.

In Houlton, Sept. 17, of diphtheria, Cary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Watson, aged 7 years.

In Jefferson, Sept. 23, Lucinda W. Newhall, aged 74 years.

In Montville, Sept. 22, David S. Patterson, aged 69 years, 7 months.

In Milltown, Sept. 16, Hartford B. Knowles, aged 58 years, 1 month; Sept. 17, Robert Lunn, aged 56 years; Sept. 17, Mary, widow of the late Benjamin Good, aged 72 years, 7 months.

In Mercer, Sept. 25, Mrs. Irena, wife of Eleazer Watson.

In Milton Mills, N. H., Sept. 20, Jos. Townsend, formerly of East Wilton, aged 63 years, 11 months.

In New Portland, Sept. 20, Joshua Butts, aged 80 years.

In Naples, Sept. 22, Mrs. Elinor, widow of Daniel Davis.

In Portland, Sept. 28, Edward P. Turnmore, aged 65 years; Sept. 29, Willis Perham, aged 15 years, 6 months; Sept. 29, Jeremiah Johnson of Fort Fairfield; Sept. 28, Annie L., widow of the late Wentworth P. Files, and daughter of the late Rev. Ebenezer Lombard, aged 77 years, 11 months; Sept. 28, Mrs. Margaret Murphy, aged 73 years, 9 months; Sept. 28, Wm. J. Bragdon, aged 31 years; Sept. 28, Jennie L., daughter of J. J. and Drusilla M. Chase, aged 20 years, 3 months; Sept. 26, James O'Day, aged 49 years; Sept. 30, Ida M., wife of C. A. Dixon, and youngest daughter of C. A. Donnell.

In Phillips, Sept. 25, Ephraim Sawyer, aged 82 years, 10 months.

In Pembroke, Sept. 8, Mrs. Ellen Long, aged 55 years.

In Richmond, Sept. 26, Mrs. Harriet F. Brown, aged 57 years, 5 months.

In Savin Hill, Dorchester, Sept. 22, Mrs. Sarah A., wife of the late Benjamin Wiggin, of Boston, and sister of the late Gov. Crosby, and Mrs. Mary Howard of Belfast.

In Surry, Sept. 20, Willie W., son of James and Julia A. Card, aged 15 years.

In Scarboro, Sept. 26, Simon Meserve, aged 47 years, 8 months.

In Skowhegan, Sept. 27, Mary Etta, infant daughter of S. C. Durgin, aged 5 months.

In Sebago, Sept. 21, Nellie, wife of Robert E. McDonald, aged 24 years, 11 months.

In Union Mills, St. Stephen, Sept. 11, Rachel Mabee, aged 71 years.

In Woolwich, Sept. 28, David G. Stinson, aged 73 years.

In West Farmington, Sept. 27, Florence Newell, aged 19 months.

In Waterville, Sept. 22, Mrs. L. Burgess, aged 64 years.

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There were seven fishers with nets in their hands,
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Yet sweet as the sweet dew fall
The words they spake, though they spake so low,
Across the long, dim centuries flow,
And we know them one and all—
Ay! know them and love them all.

Seven sad men in the days of old,
And one was gentle, and one was bold,
And they walked with downcast eyes;
The bold was Peter, the gentle was John,
And they were all sad, for the Lord was gone,
And they knew not if he would rise—
Knew not if the dead would rise.

The livelong night, till the moon went out,
In the drowning waters they beat about,
Beat slow through the fogs their way;
And the sails dropped down with wringing wet,
And no man drew but an empty net;
And now 'twas the break of the day—
The great glad break of the day.

"Cast your nets on the other side,"
('Twas Jesus speaking across the tide.)
And they cast and were dragging hard;
But that disciple whom Jesus loved,
Cried straightway out, for his heart was moved,
"It is our risen Lord—
Our Master and our Lord."

Then Simon, girding his fisher's coat,
Went over the nets out of the boat—
Aye! first of them all was he;
Repenting sore the dismal past,
He feared no longer his heart to cast
Like an anchor into the sea—
Down deep into the hungry sea.

And the others through the mists so dim,
In a little ship came after him,
Dragging their nets through the tide;
And when they had gotten close to land,
They saw a fire of coals in the sand,
And with arms of love so wide,
Jesus, the crucified!

'Tis long, and long, and long ago,
Since the rosy lights began to flow
O'er the hills of Galilee;
And with eager eyes and lifted hands
The seven fishers saw on the sands
The fire of coals by the sea;
On the wet, wild sand by the sea.

'Tis long ago, yet faith in our souls
Is kindled just by that fire of coals
That streamed o'er the mist of the sea;
Where Peter, girding his fisher's coat,
Went over the net and out of the boat
To answer, "Lovest thou me?"
Thrice over, "Lovest thou me?"

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"MY SON WILL."

It was midsummer when the house over the way got its new tenant. It was rather a dilapidated old house, and hitherto every one who had come to examine it had gone away disgusted or dissatisfied with the place, and it had remained empty. But this lovely July morning while I was out watering my plants and enjoying the fragrant air, I noticed a stir and bustle across the way, and saw the windows were open and a woman was there cleaning. Later on, the loads of furniture that were brought gave me the impression that there was a large family moving in. I was mistaken. By and by a queer little old lady made her appearance and flew round among them ordering things, and I found out at last that she was the whole family.

Men and women were busy there all day. Carpets were put down, curtains hung, beds put up and made, and the bustle amused and interested me. Before night the noise ceased, the work-people went away and everything looked orderly and hospitable.

Before many days I had met her and she looked odd at first in her gray frizzes and youthful attire, but I soon became accustomed to her, and the old house looked so bright and cheerful that it enlivened the place wonderfully.

After we had called on her, she came over to our house, and mother and I really liked her very much. She seemed a very good-hearted woman, and after a while she looked quite pretty to me. She certainly must have been very pretty once, with her fine features and large blue eyes. But now her face was shriveled and there was a sad and pathetic look in her eyes. She said she was lonely over there, and would like to have us go in and sit with her.

"When Will comes home, I shall not be lonely," she said to me one day, apologetically, after she had called to me to come over.

"Who is Will, Mrs. Cutler?"

"My son Will. He is out West. He has been gone ten years; but he is coming home soon, and then I shall keep him. Ah, my handsome Will! My eyes ache for a sight of him!" and she wiped them for they were filled with tears.

Will had a magic sound to me. My only love, with whom I quarreled years ago, was named Will, Will Merrill, and I knew not now where he was wandering or what skies arched over him. I only knew one thing—my foolish heart was true to him and I never forgot to pray for him. So I felt more kindly toward Mrs. Cutler when I knew she was watching and waiting for her Will, and longing for his return.

Mrs. Cutler enjoyed "gadding about," as she expressed it, and whenever there was an entertainment, she was pretty sure to go, and she often invited mother and me, and we all enjoyed our good little old neighbor.

During the fall she was taken sick. The old house was leaky and open, and she took cold and rheumatism set in, and she could hardly hobble about the house. I was with her constantly. Indeed, she could hardly bear me out of her sight. At last mother suggested that she should come to our house, and we made room for her, and had her necessary things moved over, and the rest of them were packed and left in the dryest rooms of the old house. She seemed to enjoy the comfortable room we gave her and which she could not leave for a long time on account of her rheumatism. I was glad to wait on her, and she was very grateful and seemed much to enjoy every thing at our house.

As the weather grew colder, and the winds howled outside, in spite of her lameness, she seemed perfectly happy to be in so snug quarters. Still, she sometimes worried because she did not hear from her son, and we, knowing her to be very peculiar, could not help thinking that perhaps he had "passed on," and that her imaginings still made it seem possible that he would come home again. When we made preparations for Thanksgiving we did not forget to humor our guest's fancies, and consult Mrs. Cutler in regard to her son Will's tastes. We found that he liked all good things, and the mince, apple, squash and pumpkin pies were surveyed with delight by the little old lady who had done her part in concocting them. She had her chair brought into the kitchen and had stoned and chopped raisins, mixed stuffing, and beaten eggs, and now when the chicken pie was taken out a golden brown, and the turkey dressed and put in a cool place for the morrow's roasting, we were all pretty tired, and after tidying up the kitchen, we were glad to leave things for the morrow, and sit with folded hands, chatting softly of the events of the day and of previous Thanksgiving preparations when we were not known to each other.

The bell rang and mother went to the door, and I heard a voice which I had not heard for years inquire for Mrs. Cutler, and mother ushered in a tall, handsome, broad-shouldered and brown bearded man, whose blue eyes never looked at me as he advanced to Mrs. Cutler with both hands outstretched.

She sprang up, held out her trembling arms, and was clasped to the broad bosom of my Will Merrill.

"Mother!" he softly said as he looked down on her wrinkled old face, and—I was not much given to such folly—I fainted.

When consciousness returned, I was lying on the lounge, and mother and Mrs. Cutler were both bending over me, while the handsomest and kindest man I had ever seen knelt by me and held my hands in his own. O, the joy of looking in those dear, kind eyes again!

"But, Will," I said, "how can it be? Are you really Mrs. Cutler's son?"

"Yes: mother married Mr. Cutler after my father died, and they resided in Fairfield, while I went to earn my living in Portland, where I saw you and loved you, darling," he whispered. "How *could* we ever quarrel? I'm sure I do not know. But that started me to go West, and so, after Mr. Cutler died, poor mother was left alone, and drifted round, unsettled, until she came here, where you, dear little girl, and your kind mother, have made a real home for her. As soon as possible after learning of her second widowhood, I returned, never dreaming there was such happiness as this in store for me. And now she will no longer want the home which we can give her, darling," with a questioning look in his dear, blue eyes.

It does not seem possible that we should have so great a reward for so simple a deed as taking home that dear old lady, but it is very sweet to know that Will thinks we are just as near perfection, my mother and I, as we can be, and all because of the loving praise bestowed on us by dear old mother Cutler.

Will insists that we shall have a wedding soon. Mother Cutler, of course, agrees with him, and mother laughingly declares the day cannot be postponed, for she says, "I must have a share in 'My Son Will'."

MY FIRST BEAR HUNT.

In the year 1862, while trapping with a friend on Richardson's lake in northern Maine, after a very pleasant fall, during which we had explored every stream and pond for many miles around, setting traps wherever signs indicated any chance for fur, and the season being near its close, snow having begun to fall, we made a trip to the settlement of Magalloway, a distance of eight miles thro' the forests without a track on the way. In passing a large rock some ten feet high, we surprised a Canadian lynx which was crouched upon the top ready to spring upon a rabbit or fox that might pass near by. He leaped down upon the opposite side and escaped without giving us a chance shot. Soon after we came upon the fresh track of a bear, and as I stood beside that noble track in the fresh snow, so soft and resplendent in the morning light, I felt a thrill pass over me such as I remember having experienced when, a small boy, from time to time I would venture to the edge of the forest after a light snow, and allow my eyes to feast upon the track of a fox or rabbit. To stand for the first time beside the track of our most noble game, will awaken every dormant feeling, and create a strong desire to follow the trail and see the home of a bear, at least that was my feeling; so after arriving at the settlement I sought a man, Mr. Leavitt, who had had some experienced with bears, and found him very willing to go.

Early the next morning we started. Upon coming to the river the ice was found too thin to bear us, so we got some boards which we pushed along one after the other and were enabled to cross. In due time we came to the track in about four inches of snow. It led due south toward Moose mountain, and over a hard wood ridge which divides the waters of the Umbagog from those running into Richardson lake. We had two dogs; one a good bear dog about half bull, the other a fine hound. When we crossed the ridge the dogs shot ahead like an arrow and routed several deer, which struck directly for Cranberry Bog pond, which lies about a mile north of the ridge. They were soon out of hearing. The hound was never seen afterward. We suppose he broke into the pond or was killed by the deer. The other dog found his way to the settlement. We continued to follow the bear's tracks, which led us, after many turns, down into a low cedar swamp; and just as darkness began to close around us we came to an old logging road that leads to Lake Umbagog and called B. Carry. We decided to follow it to a camp at the foot of Richardson's lake and camp for the night. Soon after we came to a trail crossing the road; we made out to see in the darkness that it was an enormous bear's track, the creature having but three feet and one stub, or as we afterward found, a fore foot gone except the ball. He stepped only about ten inches and must have made slow progress. Mr. Leavit said he would have that bear at any rate, so we made our way to the camp, which we soon had aglow with a good fire; and after passing a comfortable night we took an early start for the trail.

We soon found that this old veteran was not so fine to follow as our young dandy bear of yesterday, for the latter chose the best walking ground, while this old fellow wallowed and crawled thro' the most inaccessible swamps along the lake shore to the marsh. No one can imagine what one has to encounter following a bear's trail unless he has once had a taste of the sport. We crawled thro' thickets of dead cedars and over old logs and rocks for miles, then we came to a great track of burned land where the pine trees lay across each other in some places ten to fifteen feet deep. We had some hard falls in crossing on these logs, but as everything bad has an end, we came to better ground at last and were soon surprised to see a great fine stub, having rotten wood newly thrown out over the snow for many feet around. We felt that we had got our bear at last, but upon passing around the stump we saw that he had rejected it and left. With much disappointment we pulled on his track. He turned to the west and crossed the deers' trail near the pond. Many times since I have wished we had followed to the pond and seen what had occurred there to have caused the death of our noble hound; had we known that he was lost we should have done so. Our big bear soon crossed the small bear's tracks along the side of Moose mountain; there we found where he had been eating mountain ash berries, having broken the trees down at many places, and at last he had made a bed upon a flat rock, but after resting awhile he had taken his leave. We followed him to within two miles of the settlement, then as night came on we struck for home and came out soon after dark at a clearing. We were very tired; with clothes well worn out and our courage not a little dampened.

After a good night's rest and plenty of food we started upon the morrow, took the track and followed it south to a ledgy hill, where bruin had tried for a den, but could not suit himself. Then he had plunged into a shaky bog and wallowed in sloughs so deep we felt sure he must get mired; but they will go thro' mud that would mire an alligator. At last after an endless tramping backward and forward, he came to the Magalloway river and swam across. We set to work and made a raft. After breaking away the thin ice so we could launch it, we set sail. One stood upon the forward end with a pole to break the ice so that we could draw it along a narrow canal toward the other shore. The river here is deep and has but little current. We had the old bear dog again. In attempting to cross on the ice he broke thro' and came near drowning; his strength was so nearly exhausted by the breaking of ice and a long cold bath that we had to build a fire and rub him to revive his energies. We were soon again on the trail. After much the same experience, from hill to swamp and thro' all the bad places he could find, we stood at the close of day upon the shore of the Androscoggin river, and saw a newly frozen track from shore to shore where our game had gone across. As we stood there we held a council of war. I had had enough of it. I did not believe the bear would ever den; and so I thought it of little use to follow him further. Had I known what I have since learned, I should have felt sure of soon finding him snugly housed. Mr. Leavitt said probably he was just across the river, and that we could go down to Errold, cross there, and, after stopping over night, go up on the other side and get our bear; but I was anxious to go to the lake to attend to my traps, so I left my companion to go to Errold, while I returned to Magalloway.

The remainder of this hunt I will relate as I got it from Mr. Leavitt. After passing the night at Errold, he took with him a boy with a shotgun, he himself having an axe only, and proceeded to take up the trail on the opposite side of the river. He had gone only a short distance when he saw the bear's head protruding from a hole in an old pine stub. The dog rushed up and snapped at him while he struck with the back of the axe at his head. The bear struck the dog upon the back and took him up on his paw, fastened by his claws to the skin, and was about to take him in his mouth when a severe blow with the axe caused him to drop the dog and make an effort to escape. This he did by breaking thro' the back side of the stump. A heavy blow administered upon his rump caused the axe to rebound, the thick fur making a complete protection. The boy fired his gun to no effect, while the bear disappeared in thick cover. Mr. Leavitt sighed for my heavy repeating rifle, and took the road nine miles for home. When he reached home his courage and energies were well nigh exhausted, but upon relating his story to his brother-in-law, Mr. Weat, he was persuaded by him to try it again. So they started the next day with the dog, which had a large wound in his back. They followed the track into New Hampshire, up among the Diamond river mountains, found lodgings at a lumberman's camp and started again the next morning. About noon the dog, being ahead, came up with the bear on the side of the hill, and while the dog and bear were engaged the men ran up and shot him in the side of the head with two balls in a little quill gun, which killed him at once. They found a coat of about three inches of fat covering the whole body. They took the skin and fat and reached the lumber camp (where they had stayed the last night) at dark, and returned the following morning for the meat, which proved a valuable addition to the supplies at the camp. All was left there except a fine piece which was awaiting my return when I arrived from the lake. The fat made nine gallons of oil.

I never have recovered from the disappointment that I felt when I learned how near I was to that bear when I turned back. Many times since I have remained firm when all others have given up. Just a thought of it will cause me to rally when otherwise my courage would falter. I have since followed several bears, but none so large as that one. It was found that all the toes of one forward foot had been taken off by a trap.

Communications.

For the Maine Farmer.

Among the Patrons of Vermont.

Mr. Editor: On the twelfth of September I started out for a visit among the Green Mountains and maple-covered hills of Vermont. The scenery was beautiful, the Patrons cordial, the work well laid out, the meetings generally well attended, and let us hope the influence was good. I left the train at Bellows Falls, and at once started out to see what I might of the country, the crops, and especially of the people. There had already been light frosts, and the wood had begun to put on its gorgeous hues. The rain had been plentiful, and the fields and pastures were clothed in almost June splendor. The corn, which is a staple crop in Vermont, and which this year is exceptionally good, was cut and shocked, while the immense crop of rich, yellow pumpkins lay thickly upon the ground, giving promise of a rich autumn harvest of golden butter and pumpkin pies from the large herds of cows to be seen upon nearly every farm. The herds of cows give good evidence that Vermont still holds her place as a dairy State, while the plentiful cornfields give equally good evidence that the cows are not expected to make butter without something from which to create it. Indeed, the plentiful amount of corn grown here shows that Vermont farmers have not yet learned how to sit around the stove or post office, and tell each other how to buy corn cheaper than they can raise it.

How I wish the farmers of no town in Kennebec had learned it, for it is not true, and the sooner we disabuse ourselves of the fallacy, the better it will be for us. Potatoes are almost a total failure in this State. I have talked with scarce a farmer who claimed half a crop, while as a rule a very light crop grew, and more than one-half and often-times three-fourths of them are already rotten. Wheat is not grown to any extent; oats are light, but the hay crop was immense, so there will be no lack of fodder for stock. On the whole, we think farmers have no good reason to complain.

In my peregrinations many hills have been climbed and many mountains crossed. Indeed, the first two weeks were spent mostly among the Green Mountains, and I must say the roads have been, as a rule, very good—much better than in the hilly portions of Maine. There is more pains taken to keep the water out, and they are very much more successful in doing it, and to all appearance there is more effort to keep the roads good in all particulars than in Maine, and still every one must travel in Vermont at his own risk, save that the town is liable for damage upon bridges more than eight feet in length. I speak of this because it is often said that if the law is so changed in Maine that no damage can be claimed for accidents upon the highway, our roads would be much worse than now. I am told by intelligent, observing men in Vermont that there are very many less accidents upon the highways than there were when damages could be claimed. This fact is worth considering.

My first grange meeting was at Saxton's River, where I found earnest, intelligent Patrons. Here I met Co. Dep. Edson, Bro. Campbell, the celebrated fine wool sheep breeder of Westminster, Bro. Putnam, a descendant of Israel, the general and the wolf hunter, and Bro. Zake, with whom I found a pleasant home for the night. This is the seat of Vermont Academy, the leading school of the kind in the State. It is well endowed, and they are building quite largely at this time.

From here Bro. Putnam took me directly over the mountains fourteen miles to Townshend, where I met Bro. Franklin, Past Master of the State Grange, and other well known Patrons. He we held an afternoon meeting, and were hurried away ten miles to Wardsboro for an evening meeting, where we found a church filled with eager listeners. It was a splendid meeting. The clergyman opened with prayer, and the choir did themselves and us honor. After a night with Bro. Farnum, we were taken again over the mountains to Jamaica, where we met a small audience in the afternoon, and where we met Bro. Pier, Co. Dep., who took us to Bondville, where the church was packed with eager listeners, and where, despite the darkness and rain, we had one of the most enjoyable meetings for a long time.

The route over the mountains is one of picturesque interest, but the up-and-down is fearful. As one gets in sight of Jamaica it seems as though if we got down we should be there, for there seems no way of escape, but we follow the stream out quite easily. At Bondville the success of the State Grange in their contest with the Central Vermont Railroad, was the joy of every farmer. They had just received the news, and it set up the grange at once. Senator Edmunds volunteered to appear for the State Grange without money and without price, and the result is a complete and full vindication of the Grange in every particular. In a private letter which I saw from Mr. Edmunds is the following concerning the Grange: "I hope the farmers will keep up this organization, and will continue to press for the simple justice and fair play which they are entitled to." Are these not words to be prized by the farmer?

Bro. Pier gave me a good home over night, and next day delivered me safe into the hands of Bro. Howard, another Co. Dep., who took me to Londonderry, Weston and Ludlow, where good meetings were held with earnest Patrons. On the 17th I was taken to Proctorsville and Felchville, where we held meetings, and at the latter place Bro. Kendall, another Co. Dep., met me, and I found a good home and a Grangers' welcome over the Sabbath. Through this entire trip corn was a leading crop, and is heavy and sound. At Bro. Kendall's we found some Dutch cows and steers, and also a flock of fine wool sheep. His home is right beside Mt. Ascutney, one of the highest peaks in the State. Bro. K. took me to Weathersfield and Hartland, where meetings were held, and thence to the train for Bethel, where I was met by the Master of the State Grange.

D. H. THING.

For the Maine Farmer.

A Visit to Chautauqua—No. 3.

LIFE AT CHAUTAUQUA.

We lived a free and easy life at Chautauqua in some respects. Though our rooms were hard by the public street, we never locked our doors except when we retired, and in the day time often left them open. Our windows were not closed day nor night. The first few days the weather was hot, but one night it rained, after which it was cooler but not cold. Our two ladies, as well as a large part of the others, went about without bonnets, even to the public meetings, and enjoyed it.

In another part of the house we occupied, was a family with children, but they were very good. They played in and out of the house, and made some noise, but never quarrelled. The father and mother were both C. L. S. C.'s., but a relative looked after the children.

The language classes commenced studying early in July, and lectures were given day after day through that month, and other exercises held. But the C. L. S. C. Assembly was opened the 2d day of August, the day before our arrival.

It was estimated that the whole number of visitors to the grounds during the two months was about 75,000. This included members and strangers, and day visitors from Mayville, Jamestown, Chautauqua Point, Lakewood, &c. Five or six steamers were running on the lake, making ten trips each way daily from one end of the lake to the other, and touching at all the points.

Every morning just after breakfast, the *Assembly Herald*, a daily paper of eight large pages, was sold to the cottagers by newsboys. In this we found a sparkling sketch of the various exercises of the preceding day, a programme of what was to take place for one or more days to come, and also a report at considerable length of several of the past lectures. The paper was edited with great ability and industry, but contained nothing at all about the outside world.

SOME OF THE LECTURES.

The many able and interesting lectures delivered in July we of course did not hear. But some of them we read in the *Assembly Herald*. A series of brilliant biographical and critical lectures by Prof. C. J. Little of Syracuse University, N. Y., we read with great pleasure, portraying successively Sidney Smith, Walter Scott, W. M. Thackeray, George Elliot, and Alfred Tennyson, their lives and writings. Prof. Henry Drummond, author of "Natural Laws in the Spiritual World," Chaplain McCabe, and many other attractive speakers, lectured in July.

DR. FAIRBAIRN'S HISTORICAL LECTURES.

Rev. Dr. Fairbairn, President of Mansfield College at Oxford, England, delivered six lectures after we reached Chautauqua. I can see him now, as he came forward before the immense audience, a tall, slender man, in the prime of life, with graceful and natural gestures, peculiar to himself. Day after day he held the close attention of his audience while he reviewed the history of the centuries, beginning with the 16th, the conflicts of religious opinions and events, and the lessons to be drawn from them. He was thoroughly master of his subject, never hesitated for a word, nor used a word unnecessarily. Each lecture occupied an hour or more, and of his audiences of from 2000 to 4000, scarcely one stirred from his seat. Apparently he used no notes or memoranda. Those who heard one lecture could not be absent from the next.

PROF. THOMPSON ON PROTECTION.

In July Prof. Sumner had delivered lectures in favor of free trade. Prof. R. E. Thompson of the University of Pennsylvania followed in August with three lectures in favor of the protective policy. Prof. T. is a ready, fluent and able speaker, full of his subject, and abundantly competent to present it clearly to his audiences. His first lecture was on the "seven pillars of free trade," which he successfully attacked and knocked down. The others were on "the case of America, or how a nation becomes rich," and "the case of Ireland, or how a nation becomes poor." With perfect familiarity with the history of tariff legislation in this country, he showed how the nation had prospered under protective duties, and how its prosperity had been checked when the duties had been taken off, and how it is growing richer year by year as its manufactures are encouraged, and labor is compensated. On the other hand he demonstrated how the British Parliament had destroyed the manufactures of Ireland, and impoverished the country, by adverse legislation. He declared that even home rule will not make Ireland a prosperous country, and that it will take a hundred years to build up manufactures so as to give employment to its people, and a home market for its produce. Prof. T. is a native of Ireland, and though a Protestant by birth and education, is an advocate of the emancipation of Ireland from its oppressive bondage to English rule.

MISS VON FINKELSTEIN'S LECTURES.

Miss Von Finkelstein, a native of Jerusalem, aided by her brother, delivered several illustrated lectures exhibiting the manners and customs of the Jews in Jerusalem and Palestine. She addressed the audience in the costume, and adorned with the ornaments of a Jewish woman of the wealthy class. She exhibited the dress and appearance of a bride and bridegroom, and the forms and ceremonies of a wedding. She represented that Jewish fashions prescribe very gay and lively colors, and an abundance of jewelry and ornaments. In this connection she threw some light upon the incident mentioned by the Savior of the woman who lost a piece of silver, and called in her neighbors to aid her in finding it. It is a custom amongst them for a young man about to be married to procure ten silver coins, and make a present of them to his bride; they are made into a necklace, and this is worn by her after marriage, and considered as sacred as a wedding ring is held by other women. The loss of one of these silver pieces from the necklace would be deemed a great misfortune; hence the anxious search described by the Savior. She exhibited what she supposed to be a model of Joseph's "coat of many colors." The costumes of the Arabs and Mahomedans were also shown. These lectures were very popular, and drew large audiences.

TEMPERANCE.

Mrs. M. T. Lathrop of Michigan, occupied the platform the forenoon of August 8th, with a thrilling address on the subject of temperance. Mrs. L. is an easy, fluent and pleasing speaker. She had a large audience, and held them by the fascination of her eloquence. In the most effective, and yet in the most ladylike manner, she portrayed the evils of intemperance, the criminal wickedness of the saloons, and the disastrous effects of the selling and drinking of intoxicants upon every interest of society. She arraigned the parties, the people and the Christian church for their indifference and inactivity with regard to these evils. She fortified her arguments with the most striking facts. Thirty thousand juvenile drunkards in Chicago, under 16 years old; 13,000 such arrested in one year. Speaking of the license system, she said that neither law nor legislation can make that right which is morally wrong. "Talk about the saloon being a moral question! There is not a shred of morality within a million miles of the saloon." An extended notice of these lectures would fill too much space.

H. K. B.

Items Here and There.

H. C. McCurdy and Son, Washington, besides their pair of heavy work horses have a 6-yrs.-old brood mare, a pacer with record of 2.32, dam of their yearling stallion by Baymont Chief, he by Gen. Withers. This is a very fine looking bay colt with black points, all handy in the sulky; good style and action. They also have a 5-yr.-old filly by Smuggler, a 4-yr.-old gelding by Pillsbury Knox, also two three-year-old colts by the same horse and a 3-yr.-old, by the Simmons Horse and one the same age by the Henderson Horse, a good lot of horses.

Eben Butler, Union, has a bull calf, grade Holstein, 6 mos. old, girth 4 ft. 10 ins., length 5 ft. 7 ins., large limbs, well built all over and a very growthy animal capable of being another Knox county monster.

Mrs. P. Simmons, Appleton, eighty-six years of age, is still hale and hearty, though somewhat lame has not missed a meal on account of sickness for the last five years. She is still very much interested in the news of the day, &c. No paper equal to the good old *Maine Farmer* for her.

J. W. Ripley, No. Union, has a 16-mos.-old heifer, Durham and Hereford cross, all red, a very fine looking animal 5 ft. 5 ins. in the line. She has never been out to grass, and has had very little provinder since she was weaned except sour apples.

Horace Estes, Palmyra, (Pittsfield P. o.) has a steer calf, Durham and Hereford cross, 4 mos. old, girth 4½ feet, very nice Durham style, and a very growthy animal. Color sparked, red very dark, with large star in forehead, white legs and belly and white switch. Mr. Estes would prefer to buy, but would sell or buy.

Poultry Department.

Healthy Stock.

The motto for every poultry breeder should be "Healthy stock for breeding." With this the first great step towards success is gained. Without this there can be no profit. Now is the time to select the breeding stock for another year. We need healthy stock to breed from, and must have healthy offspring in order to get good growth.

If in the stock bred the past season, there has been any tendency to weakness or disease, the whole should be discarded. In these days when healthy, vigorous, pure blood stock can be so easily obtained, it is the height of folly to struggle along with birds wanting in vitality.

The breeding stock should be selected from among the growing chicks, and removed from all others, to be fed and cared for with a view to the desired results next season. All chicks intended for the market should be fed all the fattening food they will eat. The more rapid the growth and greater the amount of fat, the greater the profit. This can be better obtained during September and October than later in the season, and therefore the chicks should be forced. With the breeding stock this rapid growth is not desired, for it is usually obtained at the cost of vitality.

This is the reason why it has been so often urged upon breeders to separate their growing chicks and give those intended for breeding a run by themselves where they could be fed for growth of bone and muscle, not fat.

Fat is no indication of health, for this includes all the essentials that make up the complete bird.

In our breeding stock we need the healthy frame, rugged constitution and good size. Having these, the work of the winter must be to preserve each, so that when the breeding season opens, the chicks will have vitality to develop in the shells, and come forth strong for the work of making growth. The great obstacle in the path of the poultry breeder is the want of vitality in the old stock during the month of February, March and April. These are the months when the chicks must be hatched that will give the greatest profit. The changing currents of trade force breeders to trim their sails for every gentle breeze. The State of Maine is fast becoming one of the great resorts of the country, and the class that flock to our mountain and seashore resorts are those who crave the choicest morsels from field, farm or stream. This gives an unlimited demand for chickens during July and August, and here is the measure of profit to the breeder. These chicks must be hatched in February or the very first of March, a time when the greatest amount of vitality is required to withstand the unnatural conditions of the season.

If the male bird be over fat, or sluggish in his actions, a years profit can easily be lost. If the hens have been inactive and stupid for want of work, or as the result of too liberal feeding, the chicks will not, can not develop in the shell.

The trials that follow the breeder so closely are nearly all traced to improper feeding, and this has its beginning before the chicks reach maturity. The breeding stock *must be* healthy and vigorous. If the old stock has been closely related then the vitality of the offspring will be reduced. If the chicks are fed liberally on fattening food, the same result follows. If the flocks are not kept busy during the winter we get the same conditions. The first step then is to secure healthy stock, and there is no time like the present, before the flocks are reduced to the capacity of winter quarters. Having what is wanted, the feed should be the kind and amount that will secure size and health, without fat.

A flock selected and fed in this way will always be in readiness for breeding, and the chicks developing will be rugged and healthy. There will be no need to wait until the hens can get to the ground for work, in order for the eggs to hatch, for work will have been the order of the winter, and the eggs will hatch at any season.

Males from good reliable stock suitable for next year's breeding can be obtained for a nominal sum compared with the profit they will bring the owner, and breeding pens will more than pay for themselves the first year in the increased size, or productiveness, of the chicks, and still leave the purchaser a large number of pure blood birds. There is no cross that will excel the pure bloods, and there is no flock of grades that cannot be improved by the introduction of a pure blood, well bred male. The food for laying stock must be bone and muscle forming, not fat, and the quantity should be the minimum consistent with health. Work is as necessary for hens as for men, and they must be kept busy from November until April. Then they will be healthy, the chicks will make rapid growth and the year's results be satisfactory to the breeder.

Horse Department.

Not an exhibition of any note, thus far in Maine, but has been visited by parties from abroad, anxious to buy choice horses, but very few sales have been made, as parties owning prefer to hold. Large offers have been refused for some of our promising colts. The demand for the better class of horses was never so great as now, and the supply never seemed so small. Perhaps some are holding with the hope of speed, but the majority realize the worth of this class as breeders, and are keeping their fillies and young mares to breed from in coming years. Already there is seen an over supply of the cheaper grade, horses worth from one hundred to one hundred and fifty, but held, many of them, at much higher prices. This class increases much faster than the better ones, and for them there seems to be no demand. The use of inferior mares and stallions is plainly seen, and the feeling grows that something should be done to check the increase of such stock. The indications all point to a still further increase in the value of the class desired by purchasers, and just as surely will that of the other depreciate. It will be years before the supply of horses having size, color, disposition, breeding and speed, will be sufficient to meet the demands of those who are ready to pay a long price for what suits them.

One breeder stated the fact in a nutshell when he said, "I would rather pay three or four hundred dollars than two, if I could see the value, for that class are in greatest demand in Boston and New York."

The horse interests in Maine will increase rapidly for years, and breeders will do well if they weed out all inferior mares, and then use the best stallions that can be found.

HORSES IN JAPAN. The population of Japan is 40,000,000, and there is but one horse to every thirty-three persons. The breeding of horses has been very much neglected, and the animals which wear saddles or harness are of a low type. The present Emperor has progressive ideas, and he has encouraged breeding. Young men of quick perception have been sent to the veterinary colleges of America and Europe, in order to give them a chance to qualify themselves for teaching at home, and commissions have been organized to inspect the leading stock farms of the world.

Young Folks' Column.

Nannie's Lesson.

A True Story.

Nannie's mamma often said to her,
(As your mammas, maybe, have said to you):
"Take your fingers out of the crack of the door!
Why, what if the door should slam to!"

But Nannie was heedless, her thought light as air—
Just like some little Nans of to-day—
So 'twas ever mamma's thoughtful care
That kept her out of harm's way,

Until off to school must this "fly-away" go,
Away from that loving care.
But teacher and studies and play made so
Pleasantly time to pass there

That Nannie was happy as happy could be
With her little playmates, all day,
And her lessons studied so carefully,
She had plenty of time to play.

But all of her lessons were not in her book,
One short one her mamma had taught her—
To be careful at play she would sometimes o'erlook,
And then into trouble it got her.

It was always because she "never thought."
But I'll not stop to tell you of more
Than how her dear little fingers were caught
In the crack of the great big door.

Four little fingers so pretty and white,
In the ugly crack of the door!
But nobody saw the dangerful sight
Till—*slam!* and shut in were all four!

Poor Nannie's laughter to moans was turned!
For bruised and bleeding, with pain,
Were poor sorry fingers; but the lesson she learned
She never had to learn again!

AUNT ANNIE.

Bennie's Slide.

"Please, mamma, mayn't I do it?" Bennie balanced himself first on one foot, then the other, as he looked eagerly up into his mother's face. It was such a splendid crust! If he only could—.

"Well, yes, I think I will trust you alone this time," answered Mrs. Watson slowly. "But you must not go near the steep hill by the river. Remember, now!" But Bennie was gone with a joyous whoop, before the last words were uttered. All he really knew was that he could go out sliding on that splendid crust. He heard nothing of the command to keep away from the steep hill—a high and dangerous one by the turn of the river. The wind was blowing hard, but what wide awake six-year-old boy would care for that, with the March sun bright above him, and the smooth crusted snow beneath his feet?

"If I only had a sail, I'd play this sled was my vessel and I was out on the ocean sailing," he said, after he was tired of sliding in the ordinary way. And as he glanced around he espied the canvas covering of his summer tent, which he had carelessly left on the fence instead of putting it away in the shed chamber, as he ought to have done. He shouted with glee. There was a sail all rigged. Firmly fastening it to the long sled by the two unbroken poles, he started joyously on his voyage. What fun it was! How much swifter he glided over the glistening surface, as the wind filled his canvas sail. How he shouted with glee as he lowered it and drew his sled again to the top of the hill.

"How I wish Willie was here!" he sighed as he gazed wistfully down the river, where, far in the distance, he could see his playmates home. "And I believe I could sail almost there if I tried." He seized the rope and started for the top of the long hill. How steep it was! He caught his breath and almost turned back. How glassy the river was with its new coat of ice. One look back at the house—did Bennie know he was doing wrong?—then he fixed his sail, jumped upon the sled and away he sped down the hill. Swifter and swifter went his steel-shod ship, over the snow covered fence at the foot with a bound and a bounce, and away over the glistening ice.

How the soft March wind whistled and grew colder as he swept along until it seemed to cut his rosy cheeks with a thousand little lances. The tears gathered in his blue eyes, but it was not altogether the wind; poor Bennie was sorely frightened. In vain he strove to stop the sled, it only went faster and faster, for the wind was blowing directly down the river. In vain he struck his feet against the smooth ice, he could not steer his craft to the shore, it held its course straight down the shining river. On, on, past Willie's house, faster and faster. Oh, if he had only minded. If he had only heard what mamma had said. Would he never stop? Then his face grew pale as he remembered that somewhere down the river were the dreadful falls. If he should go over *them!* Bennie began to cry. Willie saw him and thought it great fun. Some one else saw him, too, Willie's big brother, Frank, and he didn't think it such fun. He was skating in front of the house, and at first could not imagine what strange sail was bearing down on him so rapidly. And when he did see what it was he was much perplexed to know how to stop it.

"Pl-lease c-can y-you s-stop me, F-Frank!" cried a pitiful voice, as poor little Bennie spied him.

"I guess so," answered Frank cheerfully. "Sit still now, hang on." Then he skated along beside the sled, until he could grasp the rope. Then gradually turning to the right he drew it around towards home. The wind, which had sent it along at such a rate, now seemed to help stop it, as it swelled out the canvas, and Bennie was saved.

"O-oh!" he sighed, and then, oh, foolish little Bennie, how he did cry! Yet how happy he was! He did not even scold when Frank tore off the sail and threw it away, although he wondered what he would do for a tent next summer. Mamma had just missed him when she saw them coming. Papa was standing on the bank when they reached it.

"Where have you been, Bennie?" he shouted.

"I—I—have had a splendid sail," replied Bennie. "But I'll never do so again," as he looked back to the long crusty hill and glistening ice.

"I should think not," said papa.

And Bennie always hears and minds what mamma says now. One such sail as that was enough for *him*.

E. H. S.

How a Partridge "Drums."

When I first came to Canada, I found there were various opinions as to the method of making the sound. One man, who read a great deal, but rarely went into the woods, said the sound was produced by the bird's voice; some of the hunters told me that the bird struck its wings on the log, and others declared that it struck them together over its back.

I did not give much heed to the bookman's explanation, for all the woodmen laughed at it. I soon learned to discredit, also, the idea that the bird thumped the log with its wings, because, whether it stood on a stump or a stone, a rotten log or solid timber, the sound was always the same. Lastly, I did not believe that the wings were struck together, the sound is always a sharp crack. At length, after watching the bird carefully, I came to the conclusion that it drums by beating the air only.

It is not an easy matter to get sight of a partridge when he is drumming, but I managed to do it by crawling on my hands and knees toward the bird, lying still while he was quiet, and only moving forward when he renewed his noisy courtship,—for it is to woo and win his mate that Sir Ruffled Grouse indulges in these musical exercises. In this way, I contrived to come within twenty feet without alarming him. Through the alder thicket, I could just see his shapely form strutting about like a turkey cock; then, for a moment, he stood upright, with his feathers lying close. Suddenly, his wings flashed, and at the same moment I heard the loud thump. Then, for a few seconds, he stood looking about, as though nothing had happened; but presently came a second flash and thump, and others rapidly followed at lessening intervals, until, at last, the serenade rolled away like the galloping of horses or the rumbling of distant thunder.—*St. Nicholas.*

As I have never written for the *Maine Farmer*, I thought I would send a few words. I attend school, my studies are: grammar, geography, arithmetic reading and spelling. My teacher's name is Clara B. Rushton. I like her very much. I have two sisters and two brothers, am fourteen years old. My oldest sister is married, and lives at home, at present. I would like to send the boys and girls of the *Farmer* a conundrum:

A stone, a stick and a feather,
Flew over the water together,
The stone sunk, the feather swam.
Now what was the name of the other one?

Answer—stick. I would like to hear from the boys and girls of the *Farmer*.

Machias. ANNA E. HOTT.

HE WAS A BAD BOY. Mr. Montgomery had trained his Sunday school class carefully for the concert. Each class was to recite a verse in concert one after another, and Mr. Montgomery had chosen the verse, "Ho, every one that thirsteth." It was affecting to hear the earnest, childish voices repeating the invitation of the old Hebrew seer, and Mr. Montgomery felt a thrill of pride as they practiced it over together. But what Sunday school class is without a black sheep? Even Mr. Montgomery had one. Little Tommy Jones got in his work. On the night of the concert what was Mr. Montgomery's horror to hear their childish treble ring out: "Thirst, every one that hoeth." It took Mr. Montgomery some time to convince the superintendent that he hadn't made a mistake in teaching the class the verse.

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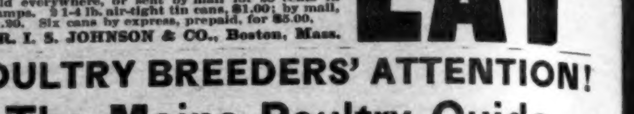

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The undersigned, Commissioners appointed by the Judge of Probate for Kennebec County, to receive and decide upon the claims of creditors against the estate of FRED A. MOORE, late of Augusta, deceased, represented insolvent, give notice that six months from the 26th day of September, 1887, are allowed for said creditors to present and prove their claims, and that they will be in session for the purpose of receiving said claims and proofs at the office of Winfield S. Choate, Augusta, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of each day, on Tuesday, the 29th day of November, and on Tuesday, the 13th day of March next.

WINFIELD S. CHOATE, F. E. SOUTHARD, Commissioners. 3t46

Commissioners' Notice.

The undersigned, Commissioners appointed by the Judge of Probate for Kennebec County, to receive and decide upon the claims of creditors against the estate of WILLIAM G. KINGSBURY late of Augusta, deceased, represented insolvent, give notice that six months from the 26th day of September, 1887, are allowed said creditors to present and prove their claims, and that they will be in session for the purpose of receiving said claims and proofs at the office of Winfield S. Choate, Augusta, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of each day, on Tuesday, the 29th day of November, and on Tuesday, the 13th day of March next.

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KENNEBEC COUNTY.... In Probate Court held at Augusta, on the fourth Monday of September, 1887.

JOSEPH H. VIGOUREUX, Administrator on the estate of CORDELIA T. WARREN, late of Pittsfield, in said County, deceased, having presented his first account of administration for allowance:

ORDERED, That notice thereof be given three weeks successively prior to the fourth Monday of October next, in the Maine Farmer, a newspaper printed in Augusta, that all persons interested may attend at a Probate Court then to be holden at Augusta, and show cause, if any, why the same should not be allowed. H. S. WEBSTER, Judge.
Attest: HOWARD OWEN, Register. 47*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed Executor of the will of CALVIN C. WOODMAN, late of Fayette, in the County of Kennebec, deceased, testate, and has undertaken that trust by giving bond as the law directs: All persons, therefore, having demands against the estate of said deceased, are desired to exhibit the same for settlement; and all indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to
Sept. 26, 1887. 47* DEXTER D. GORDON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed Administrator on the estate of JOSEPH SEWALL, late of Augusta, in the County of Kennebec, deceased, intestate, and has undertaken that trust by giving bond as the law directs: All persons, therefore, having demands against the estate of said deceased, are desired to exhibit the same for settlement; and all indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to HARRY SEWALL.
Sept. 26, 1887. 47*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed Administrator on the estate of LUSANNA BROOKS, late of Augusta, in the County of Kennebec, deceased, intestate, and has undertaken that trust by giving bond as the law directs: All persons, therefore, having demands against the estate of said deceased, are desired to exhibit the same for settlement; and all indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to DANIEL A. CONY.
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KENNEBEC COUNTY.... In Probate Court, held at Augusta, on the fourth Monday of September, 1887.

A. B. CATES, Administrator on the estates of JOHN FRYE and LYDIA D. STILSON, late of Vassalboro, in said county, deceased, having presented his first account of administration for allowance:

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KENNEBEC COUNTY.... In Court of Probate held at Augusta, on the fourth Monday of September, 1887.

A CERTAIN INSTRUMENT, purporting to be the last will and testament of ANN MARSHALL, late of Augusta, in said County, deceased, having been presented for probate:

ORDERED, That notice thereof be given three weeks successively prior to the fourth Monday of October next, in the Maine Farmer, a newspaper printed in Augusta, that all persons interested may attend at a Court of Probate then to be holden at Augusta, and show cause, if any, why the said instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last will and testament of the said deceased. H. S. WEBSTER, Judge.
Attest: HOWARD OWEN, Register. 47*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the subscriber has been duly appointed Administrator on the estate of MARY ANN SAVAGE, late of Augusta, in the county of Kennebec, deceased, intestate, and has undertaken that trust by giving bond as the law directs: All persons, therefore, having demands against the estate of said deceased, are desired to exhibit the same for settlement; and all indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to JAMES SAVAGE.
Sept. 26, 1887. 47*

KENNEBEC COUNTY.... In Probate Court, held at Augusta, on the fourth Monday of September, 1887.

NOAH WOODS and ARTEMAS LIBBEY, Trustees under the will of [illegible], late of [illegible], deceased, having presented their [illegible] account for allowance:

ORDERED, That notice thereof be given three weeks successively prior to the fourth Monday of October next, in the Maine Farmer, a newspaper printed in Augusta, that all persons interested may attend at a Probate Court then to be held at Augusta, and show cause, if any, why the same should not be allowed. H. S. WEBSTER, Judge.
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KENNEBEC COUNTY.... In Probate Court at Augusta, on the fourth Monday of September, 1887.

A CERTAIN INSTRUMENT, purporting to be the last will and testament of WILLIAM GOULD, late of Pittston, in said County, deceased, having been presented for probate:

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Maine Farmer.

Farmers' Institutes.

Parkman, Tuesday, Oct. 25.
East Dover, Wednesday, Oct. 26.
Western Penobscot at Corinna or Exeter, Thursday, Oct. 27.
St. Albans, Friday, Oct. 28.

Steers have recently sold in Chicago market for shipment east, for $2.75 to $3.90 per hundred. Does any one believe ranch men are making money?

It is now very well understood that the next meeting of the State Grange will be in City Small Hall, Lewiston. It has been some time since a session has been held on the banks of the Androscoggin, and Lewiston is one of the centres of convenience in the State.

Some farmers attribute the disease known as weak loins in hogs, to lying in hot horse manure. It is a rheumatic trouble which may be cured by active and continued rubbing. It may also be cured by exercise and fresh air; but it is better still to give the fresh air and exercise first, and thus prevent the appearance of the disease.

It is the solids of the milk that call for or use up the food of the animal. It makes little difference with the food consumed, whether a cow puts a pound of butter or two pounds of cheese into a pailful of milk, or diffuses it through two. The difference between the two kinds of milk is water, and this costs nothing and carries a like value.

The *American Garden* says it is about time that we should stop speaking and writing about roots "seeking" their food, just as if they possessed intelligence. The multiplicity of roots in fertile spots is due solely to the extra stimulus thereat to freer growth than at more sterile points. Where there is more food, of course there is more growth, other things being equal.

Edward Burnett, Deerfoot Farm, claims that to the cow that makes the most butter from a given amount of food, belongs the honors. Yes, but "butter tests" are made to boom a family of stock by a sort of legerdemain that aims to make the public believe that the record comes from the cow, rather than the feed. When honors must be placed on *profitable* results, there will be no more public tests.

Who has tried the experiment, the past season, of seeding potatoes with whole seed in comparison with cut? A down east editor, so modest that he does not want his name mentioned, tried it with marked results in favor of the whole seed. T. Greiner, of Monmouth Co., N. J., publishes potato tests in the *New York Tribune*, showing a difference in profit of $38.50 per acre in favor of planting whole medium-sized potatoes. See results of continued experiments, in the new volume of Agriculture of Maine. The experience of readers of the *Farmer* will be in order, and acceptable, on this matter as well as all others connected with their business. Practical experience is the safe guide in all farm practice, and who so well informed in this as those who are carrying on the work? Let us hear from you.

T. B. Terry, in the *Country Gentleman*, suggests a new use for a cold storage house, viz., that of keeping seed potatoes from sprouting. For years, Mr. Terry has done his best to keep his seed potatoes from doing this before planting time. Whenever he failed, he is sure that he lost by it, after watching the crop grow. A cold storage house would, he thinks, settle the matter satisfactorily. It is this "cold storage" that chiefly gives Aroostook potatoes their superior value for seed. In Connecticut and Long Island, potatoes ripen in July, in Aroostook, the last of September; and thus they escape the injurious effects of the long continued warm weather which must be passed over further south. In Aroostook, potatoes are put on the market at planting time in essentially the same condition as when taken from the ground.

The Utica *Herald* in commenting on the good condition of pasturage at this date, and the efforts of dairymen to keep up a liberal flow of milk for the cheese factories, adds this remark: "When milk nets the farmer a dollar a hundred or more, he is willing to produce all he can." There are prominent farmers in this State who claim that dairying is poor business if milk cannot bring the maker more than a cent a pound. Yet think for a moment of the farmers in the great dairy regions of Herkimer and St. Lawrence, that this same product at the value named, and even less, has built up into independence and wealth, and on lands of far higher value than ours in Maine, and the fallacy of the claim of poor business will appear at once. Faith and pluck, with a knowing how to do it, will build up wealth from the business among us here, wherever it is vigorously taken hold of.

The Potato Crop.

The condition of the potato crop still continues to go down to lower figures as time goes on, and the extent of the work of the rot is fully realized. The crop is now all harvested. The work of the rot has been going on, whether dug early or late, and whether the cooler weather of the later season will check it and save the few we now have on hand remains to be known.

In this State the crop is a more general failure in the westerly half than in the eastern portion where it was one to two weeks later. Our correspondents, through their crop reports and other communications, have kept the readers of the *Farmer* informed in the matter, yet the latest information from that section places the crop even lower than has been reported. Our correspondent, G. W. P. Jerrard, Caribou, an extensive dealer in seed potatoes, writes to the *Aroostook Republican* as follows:

The statement in last week's issue of the *Republican*, that the potato crop this season is an average one in New York and Pennsylvania, and good in the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, is not true. Now the fact is, the potato crop all over the country, east of California and north of Virginia, is a dismal failure. Thousands of acres will not be harvested at all, on account of rot. There has not been so short a crop in the great potato growing State of New York for years, and Pennsylvania is worse off still. During the past month I have received communications from my last spring customers in every part of the United States and British Provinces; and all except in California, Oregon, Washington Territory and the South, report small yield or total failure of this crop, either from drouth, rust, blight or rot, and a potato famine is predicted unless other countries come to the rescue. Let our farmers hold their potatoes for higher prices than were ever known in this country, for they are keeping well in the cellars, and it is only a matter of time when they will command fabulous prices."

Potatoes have been going forward to market quite freely, the purpose being to sell before loss by rot. This movement has kept the market measurably well supplied from day to day, and has kept the price down to a reasonable figure. In Aroostook county sales have been quite large, going direct from the field to the station. At Houlton the receipts have been from one to two thousand barrels a day, and in the northern part of the county but little less. The starch factories are not getting many potatoes, although they are paying good prices.

It is probable that eastern potatoes will not longer waste much by rot, and those who have cellar room in which to keep them will gain by doing so. There is no question but they will bear an extreme price, especially for seed in the spring. How high they will go for purposes of consumption will depend on the supply by importation. Extreme prices will be sure to start a trade across the Atlantic, as has before been the case. This supply, however, will not be what is wanted for seed. It is as good as certain, therefore, that eastern potatoes will command a high price, and that farmers will do well to hold their supply if they are sound and keeping well. The short crop is wide-spread. The St. Louis *Rural World*, in its last issue, says that Irish potatoes have not been so high in that market at this season for ten years. This is the cry all along the line.

State College.

There is the largest actual attendance at the State College this fall term ever had in the history of its work. It is gratifying to know that its advantages as an institution of learning are being more and more appreciated from year to year, and that the results there accomplished are tending to increase its popularity. The Freshman class is making a good record for itself, both in